THE HALBERT-DINTELMAN FAMILIES IN AMERICA

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PREFACE

This is a partial account of the Halbert and Dintelman families. I made no effort to take the record back beyond the first ancestor of each family who came to America. Boddie, in his books about early America, has several pages of speculation about the early Halberts in England. This I did not include, nor did I attempt to follow the descendents of Joel or William who were the first Halberts to leave Virginia and go to other southern states. Likewise, I did not include information about Amos Dintelman, son of one of my grandfather's brothers. Also left out is any reference to the Dintelmannfamily who run the nursery in Belleville, Il., and who, I am convinced, are distantly related to us, because they came from the same place in Germany as did our ancestors.

Exact dates could not be given in some cases. They are probably recorded somewhere, and someday someone may have the time and persistence to dig them out. I know I have made some mistakes, and for these I am truly sorry. I want to thank the many relatives without whose assistance an undertaking such as this would be impossible. I hope they will let me know aboutany obvious errors or omissions. Someday I may get out a copy of additions and corrections.

It is always later than you think. Therefore, make the most of life while you can. Be proud of your heritage. You come from a long line of honorable and honest people. In tracing the ancestry of both families, I didn't find any thieves or dishonest people. Be proud of your parents and your other ancestors. They had better than average intelligence in their genes, which they have passed on to you.

Prior to the 1900's, there were practically no divorces in either family, and nearly all my forebears lived on farms. Most were simple workers in the mines or fields of America, but a few aspired to the professions. The family history closely parallels the history of America, but I shall spare the reader most of the details. I have been especially impressed with the number of strong women in both families. The Halbert men seem to have been good at attracting and holding the love of good, strong women. I can think of many examples. The reader may think of many more. We are indebted to all of them.

It has been said by cynics that the only thing man learns from a study of history is that man learns nothing from history. If this were true, then men would be doomed to go on forever repeating the mistakes of the past, for,without some learning about the past, there could be little understanding of the present and no intelligent planning for the future. There are times, of course, when this would seem to be the case, but in the long sweep of history it must be apparent to anyone who has studied it that there has been much improvement in the condition of man and that man can and does learn from experience and can and does learn to avoid past mistakes.

Just as a knowledge of the past may help mankind understand the present and plan a better future, so also a knowledge of our ancestors may help us to a better understanding of ourselves. Our grandparents' genes are transmitted through our parents to us. Therefore, whether we know it or like it or not, we are a part of our ancestors, and something of them lives on in us. I believe, therefore, that everyone should make an effort to know something about his ancestors. He owes it to himself, and he owes it to them.

Elie Wiesel, the Jewish philosopher and author, in writing of the World War II Warsaw ghetto uprising, said "Let us say Kaddish (the prayer for the dead) not only for the dead, but also for the living who have forgotten the dead. And let the prayer be ..... an act of remembrance. For that is what they wanted: to be remembered, at least to be remembered. They are now being defamed or forgotten ..... which is like being killed a second time." I am sure our ancestors, along with the rest of mankind, want at least to be remembered.

Some people know very little even of their own grandparents. What a pity more detailed family records are not kept! Who were our ancestors? We know so little about them -- just that they were born, married, had children, contributed to the development of the communities in which they lived, and died. They left no record of their hopes, their dreams and aspirations. Most of them were farmers, miners, and common laborers, but some became successful in the professions, and they were all honest, honorable and intelligent people of whom you should be proud. I hope this account of the earliest Halberts and Dintelmans in America will keep alive in their descendents the ideals and beliefs they valued so much that they were willing to leave their homelands and come to the New World. It is your task to see that they are remembered by future generations and to keep family records which can be handed down to your descendents.

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I FAMILY

I acquired much information from older members of my family. My sister, Hazel Somers, was especially helpful. She had a lot of written information from my mother, who was a daughter of Joseph[5] A. and Martha Eliza McFeron Halbert. She also wrote letters, made phone calls and did research for me. I received information from Ella, Sylvia, and Martha, daughters of Uncle Robert Dintelman, and from Bertha, Uncle Ralph Halbert's daughter. Also, information was received from Kenneth Dintelman, a son of Albert, who was a son of Uncle Peter Dintelman, and from Leo Witt, who was the husband of Margaret Kemena, a daughter of Clara, Uncle Peter Dintelman's daughter. Information was received from Viola Dintelman, who was the wife of my brother, Leslie, and also from Geneva, a daughter of Uncle Charles Halbert, and who married my brother, Leslie, after he and Viola were divorced. Also, I received help from Annis Smith, a daughter of Aunt Elizabeth Dintelman Barton, from Sylvia Baker, a daughter of Aunt Margaret Dintelman Hesker, from Generose Strake, a grand-daughter of Aunt Kathryn Dintelman Campbell, and from Marguerite Meyer, the daughter of Aunt Anna Dintelman Meyer. Also, I want to thank Katie Hiller, daughter of Uncle Charles Dintelman, Blanche Schmidt, daughter of Aunt Catherine Halbert Scott, and the host of other relatives who assisted in the preparation of this history. I want to thank my wife, Irene, for proof-reading and for helping me with the organization.

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IV ANNOTATIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

The small number after a name denotes the generation in America. Thus, William[1] = first to be in America, William [2] = second generation, etc.

b. = born, m. = married, d. = died, c. = around or about, circum. dau. = daughter.

..... = name or date unknown or unable to find.

EARLY HALBERT ANCESTRY

Our earliest Halbert ancestor in America was William[1] Halbert, who was living in Essex County, Virginia, in 1709. He presumably came from England or at least from somewhere in the British Isles, but we do not know how old he was nor under what circumstances he came. We do know that he was living in Essex County, Virginia, in 1709, for in Deed Book No. 13, p. 279, found in the Essex County court house in Tappahannock, Virginia, is recorded the fact that William[1] Halbert and his wife, Mary, were appointed administrators of the estate of Thomas Wood on February 10, 1709. (In those days widows usually married again soon after their husband's death, and nearly always their second husband was appointed administrator of their first husband's estate. This was the case with William[1] and Mary.)

William[7] U. Halbert[1]., writing in the Illinois Historical Journal, says that family tradition is that the Halberts were Scots and followers of the Stuart kings. John Boddie, in his book, "Historical Southern Families", Vol. IX, says that the Halbert surname originated in France and was brought to England about the time of the Norman Conquest in 1066. The halbard or halbert was a combination battle axe and pike, and presumably the first of that name was one who wielded that weapon with telling effect upon his enemies. Boddie mentions a lot of Halberts who were living in England and whose names he got from a number of English sources, such as land rolls, country estate rolls, etc. The name goes back at least to 1215, for example, in Sutton of Sussex, England, where a wife, Cecelia, of William Halbert is recorded. Many Williams, Thomases, and Johns are recorded back as far as 1265 in Yorkshire. Also, he mentions a Halbert in Kent and at least one family that went to Scotland. The first Halbert we know about in America, William[1], was, without doubt, not a first son, for the laws of primogeniture were still in full effect at that time. In England and Scotland, the Halberts had been owners of considerable land, and some of them had even been noblemen. If they were followers of the Stuarts, they had come through a rough time. One Stuart had been beheaded and replaced by the Puritan dictator, Cromwell. Our William must have come to America during the reign of Queen Anne, a Stuart, and he was a Tory in politics. Anyone who has seen the kind of sailing vessels used in crossing the oceans in those days will not doubt that he was a brave man.

At any rate, on July 25, 1709, William[1] and Mary Halbert presented the estate of Thomas Wood, and in this record she is referred to as "Mary Halbert, late Mary Wood". (Deed Book No. 13, p. 296, Essex County court house, Tappahannock, Virginia.) On June 10, 1710, William[1] Halbert again appears in the same record book, p. 342, as surety on the bond of an Elizabeth Cole, administratrix of the estate of a William Cole, undoubtedly a neighbor of theirs. These are the earliest records confirming the existence of William[1] Halbert in America. This takes the Halbert line back one generation, since earlier researchers had apparently missed these records and had given the earliest date as 1733, when Joel[2] Halbert was appointed administrator of William's[1] estate. Joel was thought to be a brother of William[1], but I believe he was the oldest son of William.[1]

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1. William U. Halbert was for many years an attorney in Belleville, Illinois. He was the son of Robert A. Halbert. His great-grandfather was John[4] Halbert, the first Halbert to come to Illinois.

The will of William[1] Halbert was filed in Essex County in 1723, but no copy exists. Apparently it was not copied, or it has been destroyed or lost. However, we know that William[1] had died prior to October 18, 1718, because in Deed Book No. 15, p. 230, there is a record showing that "Mary Halbert, widow" held land adjacent to Jacob and Joshua Stepp, on October 18, 1718. The record later shows that on Feb. 19, 1733, Joel[2] Halbert was appointed administrator of William[1] Halbert's estate. (Will Book No. 5, p. 167.) No record was made of the administration of the estate, but the record does show that Joel[2] Halbert gave bond as administrator of the estate. I firmly believe that Joel[2] was the son of William[1] and Mary. William[1] and Mary had been married in 1709, and if Joel[2] had been born in 1712, he would have been 21, or of age by 1733, and legally available to administer his father's estate. From this and other evidence, I have concluded that Joel[2] was the son of William[1] Halbert, whose estate he administered, and not his brother, as some previous researchers had concluded. I had come to this conclusion from studying the records of Essex County, Va. Later, when I went to Richmond, Va., I found that Boddie had come to the same conclusion.

William[1] and Mary had another son, William[2], apparently born several years after Joel[2]. There is no record of William's[2] birth, but since he was known to be younger than Joel[2], he must have been born sometime between 1712 and 1718, the latter the date of his father's death. On the basis of the scanty evidence available, I am guessing that he was born about 1716. There is a record showing that William[2] and his brother Joel[2] voted in Essex County at the election of Burgesses on Nov. 20, 1741. There are further records showing that he and his brother executed several land deeds about 1754, and from these deeds it appears that they had inherited land from John Cook, who was probably their grandfather, in which case, their mother's maiden name would have been Cook. John Cook died in Essex County, Virginia, in 1726. (Will Book No. 4, pp. 204-205, Courthouse, Tappahannock, Va.) The records are incomplete and somewhat confusing, and future researchers may draw different conclusions, but I am assuming that William[1] Halbert owned property which he left to his wife, Mary, and that she also inherited property, as did Joel[2] and William[2], from her father, John Cook. William[1] must have owned some real estate because when his son, Joel[2], was appointed administrator of the estate, he was required to give bond in the amount of 200 pounds. In present day (1980) dollars, this would be equivalent to about 12,000.00 dollars, not an inconsiderable sum. Also, the record in Deed Book No. 15, p. 230, shows that "Mary Halbert, widow," held land adjacent to that of Joshua and Jacob Stepp on Oct. 18, 1718. However, there is no record of the administration of the estate of William[1] Halbert, the record being only that his will was filed in 1723, and that Joel[2] Halbert was appointed administrator of the estate in 1733. We pause here a moment to give some historical perspective. George Washington was born in 1732, and in Cremona, Italy, Antonius Stradivarius was making some of his finest violins. In England, George II was king.

Both Joel[2], b. about 1712, and William[2], b. about 1716, married and had children. Some of Joel's descendents moved to North Carolina and to Tennessee, and later some went to Mississippi. Others stayed on in Virginia. Our line of Halberts is descended from William[2], and some of them, James[4] and John[4], who were sons of James[3], who was a son of William[2], came to Illinois. Other descendents of Joel[2] went to Arkansas and Missouri. Perhaps the older generations corresponded because some later descendents of William[2] and John[4] also went to Missouri. Of this we have no firm knowledge, and it is lost in the mists of antiquity. If any member of a future generation wishes to make a more definitive study of the complete Halbert line, let him start with Boddie's books. Also, he should spend more time in Essex County with records of the Episcopalian Church there than I was able to spend on a recent trip to the East. Also, I found out that there are some native Halberts, undoubtedly descendents of the original family, now living in or near the town of Colonial Heights, Virginia. I am sorry

to say that I did not take time to run this down, nor did I search for ship records when at the library in Richmond. I understand that there are books which have been written about the Southern Halberts, but I have not seen them. Also, there are Halberts near Battle Creek, Michigan, who may be related to us, but they have not answered my correspondence. So there is still plenty to do.

William[2] Halbert, son of William [1] and Mary and brother of Joel[2] Halbert was born c. 1716. He married Mary ..... about 1740. They had seven children. He made his will on November 18, 1760, and it was probated on April 20, 1761. In this will, he bequeathed to his son, James[3] Halbert, "the plantation whereon I now live." His will also states, "I lend my loving wife, Mary Halbert, all my personable estate during her life or widowhood and after her decease or marriage to be equally divided between my daughter Hannah Newman, my daughter Frances Halbert, my daughter Patty Halbert, my daughter Ann Halbert, my daughter Elizabeth Halbert, and my son William Halbert." He named his wife, Mary, executrix, and the witnesses were William Gray, William Kidd, and Alexander Newman, the latter undoubtedly his son-in-law. (Will Book No. 11, p. 298, Essex County, Tappahannock, Virginia.) We have been unable to find out what Mary's maiden name was or when she died. Typical of the Cavalier fashion in which spelling was treated in those days is the fact that a lawyer has the name, Halbert, spelled three different ways in William[2] Halbert's will, as follows: Halbert, Halbart, Halbard. Our family has always spelled it Halbert.

James[3] Halbert, eldest son of William[2] and Mary, served in the Virginia militia, as a private, during the Revolutionary War. (List of Revolutionary Soldiers of Virginia, p. 196; and Report of Virginia State Librarian, James Halbert, Auditor's Account XVIII, p. 474.) He married Sarah Shaddock, daughter of James Shaddock (or Shadduck) and Hannah Samuel Shaddock. Hannah Samuel's mother was a Boulware (Bowler) whose line in America is very ancient, going back at least to the 1660's. James Shaddock also was a soldier in the Revolution. (Rev. Soldiers of Virginia, p. 396, and James Shaddock, Aud. Acct. XVIII, p. 474.) James and Sarah were married prior to 1784, for James[3] is listed as the head of a family of four persons and two blacks (slaves) in a Virginia census of 1783. Our guess is that he and Sarah were married probably about the end of the war, which would have been about 1781, and that he was born in the 1750's, probably about 1758. He died on his farm in Essex County in 1819, leaving a will dated December 4, 1811, and probated on May 7, 1819. In this will, he mentions his wife, Sarah, and sons, John,[4] James,[4] Thomas,[4] Anthony,[4] and Lewis,[4] and his daughter, Mary Goldman, and her son, William. (Will Book No. 10, p. 19, Essex County court house, Tappahannock, Virginia.) Presumably, James[3] Halbert and his wife, Sarah, were buried in a family burial plot on their farm, for when his son, John[4], later sold the land he had inherited from his father, he reserved a burial plot. (Deed Book 1830, Essex County, Virginia.) On a trip to Virginia in 1976, we were unable to locate the burial plot. We were told that there are a very few old stones in Virginia, the reason being that monuments were made of softer stone than they were, for example, in New England. This seems reasonable, since there is very little granite or slate in Virginia.

John[4] Halbert, son of James[3] Halbert, was the first of the family to come to Il. His younger brother, James[4], moved from Va. about the same time John did, but he stopped in Ohio for several years before coming to Il. On Dec. 20, 1816, he had m. Nancy Reynolds, and, in 1831, they moved to Ross County, Ohio, near Chillicothi. My mother, Marietta Halbert Dintelman,[5] and a daughter of Joseph[4] Halbert, said that her father told her that the John[4] Halberts had visited the James[4] Halberts in Ohio before they got to Il. Could that be where she got her name, Marietta? We shall never know, but it seems likely, although they never got near that city in Ohio. Nancy d. in Ohio in 1834. James[4] then moved to Sangamon

Co. Il., near Springfield. James[4] was both a medical doctor and an ordained minister in the Baptist Church. He was widely known for his medicines, and his bills submitted to the Illinois legislature are, as far as I can determine, the first medical bills to be approved by that legislative body.

Dr. James[4] Halbert was b. Aug. 19, 1785, in Va. and d. Nov. 5, 1858, near Springfield, Il. He and his wife, Nancy, had seven children, as follows: Mary L., b. Nov. 15, 1817; Sally, b. Jan. 23, 1820; Sidney[5], b. Feb. 3, 1822; Fanny, b. June 22, 1825; Kitty, b. Nov. 19, 1827; Alexander[5], b. June 15, 1830, (all the preceding born in Va.); and Margaret, b. Sept. 13, 1833, in Ohio. Alexander[5] also became a doctor and was a graduate of Jefferson Medical College of New York. Mary m. Eli Harbert on March 31, 1836, and they had three children. That is all I can find out about any of them. I doubt if the elder Dr. Halbert had any formal medical schooling, although his son, Alexander[5], was a graduate of a medical school. James[4] probably read medicine with a doctor he knew and eventually went into practice himself. That was the way it was done in those days.

John[4] Halbert, son of James[3] Halbert, was b. in Essex Co., Va. about 1783. On January 8, 1807, he m. Martha Ross, often called "Patsy". She was the daughter of William Ross, who was enlisted in the War of 1812, and never returned. He was declared legally dead by a court order when John[4] petitioned the court after he and Martha were married. John[4] Halbert and Patsy had ten children, all b. in Va. They were Robert[5] (who d. as a youth before the family left Va.), John[5] B., Martha A., David[5] W., James[5] S., Joseph[5] A., Thomas[5] J., Catherine, Mary Ann, and Sarah.

William[7] U. Halbert, writing in the Journal of the Il. State Historical Society, Vol. XXI, No. 2, July, 1928, says that John[4] Halbert sold his farm in Va. to William Gray in 1830. This is verifiable in the Essex Co., Va. records. William[7] U. Halbert, in this same article, goes on to say "after freeing his slaves, he moved with slow stages into Ohio and finally settled on uncleared land near Huggin's Hill close by the banks of the Okaw or Kaskaskia River, three miles east of the present town of New Athens, Il., on the Darmstadt Road. The journeying had been made across the mountains and valleys of Va. and the hills and plains of Il. with ox teams." William U. Halbert must be mistaken when he says this land was on or nearby the Okaw or Kaskaskia River. It was more likely near the banks of a tributary to the Kaskaskia, Mud Creek. Like a true pioneer, John[4] cut trees and built his own log cabin, perhaps with the help of a few neighbors.

John[4] Halbert had an old, family Bible in which he, and later his son Joseph[5] A., kept family records. It had been given to John's[4] oldest son, Robert, when he was a youth, by Mary E. D. Garnett, Supt. of the Sunday School of the Episcopalian Church in Essex Co., Va., and it had been printed in 1821. John[4] was an Episcopalian but his wife, Martha, was a devout Baptist. John[4] must have become a Baptist, too, because before he sold out to move West, he deeded an acre of land to the Upper Essex Baptist Church. The church, by the way, is still standing, and when we were in Va. in 1976, my wife and I saw it. The Bible was in my mother's possession when I was a young man. It had probably been given to her by her father, Joseph[5] A., John's[4] son, or by Catherine Scott, Joseph's[5] daughter. It was well worn from the passage of time and much usage. The Bible is now in the possession of Blanche Schmidt, one of the descendents of Catherine Halbert Scott, a daughter of Joseph[5] A. Halbert and the wife of Judson Scott. In the old Bible there were underlined passages about slavery, pro and con. The cons won for when John[4] sold his farm in Va., he freed his slaves before moving West. William[7] U. Halbert says that the Halbert farm in Illinois became a station in the underground for southern slaves trying to get to Canada. The question of slavery was one reason John[4] came to Il., a free state. Some of John's[4] descendents served in the Union Army. Many of the Halberts who remained in Va. or who had moved south, served with the Confederacy.

DESCENDENTS OF JOHN[4] AND MARTHA ROSS HALBERT

JOHN[5] B. HALBERT, the oldest of John's[4] and Martha's nine children who survived, was b. in Va. about 1809, which, incidentally, is the same year Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin in Kentucky. He m. Clarissa Carr of Freeburg, Il., and they had one child, Robert[6] Alexander Halbert, b. Feb. 9, 1841, and d. Dec. 27, 1888, at Belleville, Il. William[7] U. Halbert says that his grandfather, John[5] Halbert, was a singing school teacher, "playing his violin as he instructed the scholars about the countryside."

Robert[6] Alexander Halbert, son of John[5] and Clarissa Carr Halbert, was Captain of Company H., 117th. Regiment of Illinois Volunteers in the Civil War. He worked his way through McKendree and Illinois Colleges, studied law under Judge Wm. H. Underwood, and was elected States Attorney of St. Clair, Bond, and Madison Counties. On April 14, 1869, he m. Emma Louise Underwood, daughter of Judge W. H. Underwood, and they had four children, namely: Clara Halbert Needles, widow of Henry Mace Needles, who lived for many years in Granite City, Il.; William[7] Underwood Halbert, and Mary Halbert. Another child, Amie, died in infancy. William[7] U. was an attorney for many years in Belleville, Il., and is the author of the article from which we have quoted which appeared in the Illinois Historical Journal.

After John[5] B. Halbert's first wife, Clarissa, died, he m. Harriet Lawrence. They had three sons, Leonard[6], Louis[6], and John[6]. For a time, John[5] B. ran a country store near the Randolph County line south of New Athens, Il. He d. there about 1850, reputedly of cholera. He and his second wife, Harriet, who d. a few years later, are buried nearby in the Atlas-Moore Cemetery, about seven miles south of New Athens, Il.

John[5] B. Halbert's son, Leonard[6], b. Jan. 11, 1846, lived on a farm for many years near Pinckneyville, Il. His first wife was Susan Morgan, and they had four children, Harry[7], Ella, William[7], and Oliver[7], all now deceased. I do not know about their descendents, if any. Leonard[6] Halbert was m. a second time to a Margaret Rogers. They had one child, Louis[7] Wesley Halbert, who lived at one time near Chester, Il. If he left any descendents, I do not know about them.

John[5] B. Halbert's third son was Louis[6] Halbert, b. July 19, 1849, in St. Clair County, Il., and d. Nov. 6, 1915, near Centralia, Il. He was m. to Nancy Mahala Jones and they had three children, William[7] Corey Halbert and Josie Halbert White, both of whom lived at Centralia, Il., and Kate Halbert Reany of O'Fallon, Il. I can remember that Kate Reaney came to visit my mother several times after we had moved to Belleville, Il. Dorothy Halbert DeBois, of Pinckneyville, Il., was the child of a second marriage which took place at Jonesboro, Il. I do know know the name of Louis's[6] second wife nor whether they left any descendents. However, if they had, I think I would have known about it.

The last son of John[5] B. Halbert and Harriet Lawrence was John[6], and he died as an infant.

MARTHA, the oldest daughter of John[4] and Martha Ross Halbert, died unmarried on the old Halbert farm, east of New Athens, Il.

The next son, DAVID[5] WILLIAM, remained a bachelor and later moved to Missouri where he died quite old, according to William[7] U. Halbert. He was, I think, a veteran of the Civil War, but I have not verified this.

JAMES[5] S. HALBERT, a son of John[4] and Martha, married and moved to Missouri. He had two daughters, but I have lost track of that side of the family. He is now dead.

JOSEPH[5] A. HALBERT, my mother's father, and also a son of John[4] and Martha, was b. June 6, 1826, in Va. He d. Oct. 22, 1899, near Nashville, Il., and is buried in the Locust Creek Cemetery south of Nashville, Il. He was married three times and had ten surviving children at the time of his death. He will be discussed more fully later.

THOMAS[5] JEFFERSON HALBERT, a son of John[4] and Martha, died in young manhood on the Halbert farm east of New Athens, Il.

CATHERINE HALBERT, b. Aug. 1, 1820, a daughter of John[4] and Martha, m. Joseph McGuire of Freeburg, Il., on Sept. 3, 1840, and they moved to Macon County in 1885. They purchased 165 acres, only 45 of which were under cultivation. She and Joseph McGuire had many descendents. Joseph McGuire d. on March 24, 1893, and since he left no will, Catherine petitioned the court to appoint her son, Theodore, administrator. Surviving children of Catherine Halbert McGuire and Joseph McGuire were Mary, John D., Benjamin H., Lyman T., Joseph A., Theodore J., and Ida. Mary m. Richard Hamilton on Feb. 5, 1867. Richard Hamilton stayed on the McGuire farm, eventually buying out the other heirs. He and Mary had eleven children as follows: Howard, Charles, Edna, Katherine, Arthur, Gertrude, Joseph, Walter, Owen, Blanche, and Roy. Richard's will was recorded in Macon County, Il., Aug. 1, 1902. Sons Howard and Charles became medical doctors. Edna m. a Watson and Gertrude a Goodnight. Gertrude Hamilton, b. July 31, 1876, m. Scott Goodnight Sept. 3, 1901. They lived for many years in Madison, Wisc. Their children were Eleanor Constance, and Scott Hamilton Goodnight, b. April 9, 1908. He became a medical doctor and m. Julia Haugen Grosvenor in Chicago, Il., on June 30, 1934.

MARY ANN HALBERT, another daughter of John[4] and Martha, m. Fred Marshall, a farmer living northwest of Fayetteville, Il. She and Fred had two children. John Marshall moved into Washington County, Il., and lived for a time with my grandfather, Joseph A. Halbert, and then moved west into the state of Nebraska. Louise Marshall was living in Decatur, Il., the last I knew, although I presume she has since died.

SARAH, the last child of John[4] and Martha, m. William James of Lenzburg, Il., and had one daughter, Mary, who remained unmarried and lived in the country near Belleville, Il. She is long since deceased.

John[4] Halbert d. Sept. 19, 1844, on the farm east of New Athens, Il. Martha lived until Feb. 1, 1856, when she d., also on the farm there. I do not know for sure where John[4] and Martha are buried, but William[7] U. Halbert says it was in a burial plot on the farm east of New Athens, Il. Perhaps there were still stones up when he was there which was before 1928, but there are no stones now to mark their graves. It seems likely that they are buried there, for it was a Halbert tradition to be buried on their own soil. John[4] Halbert's father, James[3], was probably buried on the ancestral farm or plantation, as it was called, in Virginia, for when John[4] sold out to Wm. Gray in 1830, he reserved a burial plot on the farm. As I have said, there is no longer any evidence of a burial plot on the farm east of New Athens, Il. God rest their bones! They were hardy pioneers.

JOSEPH[5] ALEXANDER AND MARY IRWIN HALBERT

Joseph[5] Alexander Halbert, from whom I got my middle name, Joseph, was the son of John[4] and Martha, nee Ross, Halbert and was my mother's father. He was born July 6, 1826, in Essex County, Va., and he came to Illinois with his parents about 1838. He lived with his parents on the farm east of New Athens, Il., for many years. My mother said that, after his father died in 1844, he took over most of the farming chores. She also said that he was steady and reliable and that his mother had named him administrator of her estate in her will, read after her death in 1856. This is verifiable in the records in the St. Clair County court house at Belleville, Il. He first bought land in Washington County, Il., on Nov. 2, 1883, according to records in the court house at Nashville, Il. I am sure, however, that he was in Washington County before that time, because my mother was born in Washington County, Il., in 1875. My guess is that he moved to Washington County about 1868, after Mary Irwin died and about the time he married Mary McFeron. Although he faithfully recorded the births of all his children in the old family Bible, he failed tc record when or where he was married or any information about any of his wives. He was married three times, and had ten children living at the time of his death. He died October 22, 1899, on his farm in Pilot Knob Township south of Nashville, Il., and is buried in the Locust Creek Cemetery nearby. He must have spoken with a Southern accent, for he was born in Va., and, although he left there at an early age, both his parents were Virginians.

He married Mary Irwin of near Darmstadt, Il., Sept. 17, 1857. She was the daughter of John Irwin, Jr., and was b. Jan. 14, 1838. Her father, John Irwin, taught at the nearby Irwin school and served one term as St. Clair County sheriff. She and Joseph[5] A. had three children who lived, as follows: John[6] Thomas, Catherine, and James[6] Robert (called Robert). Joseph E., born Oct. 4, 1864, did not live. Mary died Feb. 11, 1867, and is buried in the Irwin Cemetery east of New Athens, Il.

JOHN[6] THOMAS Halbert was b. May 18, 1860, in St. Clair County, Il. He died in October, 1950, and is buried in Ft. Worth, Texas. About 1890, he m. Marie Lohrman, and they had two children: Harry, b. April 12, 1891, still living in Ft. Worth, Texas; and Anna, b. Dec. 25, 1893, now deceased. Harry m. Mattie Pearcy, daughter of John and Ann Pearcy, in Jan., 1954. They had no children. Anna married Julius Donges, also now deceased. They had no children, but I believe they adopted a boy by the name of Richard, b. in April, 1933. John[6] Thomas was a railway mail clerk back in the days when that was a good job, and he lived most of his life in or around Handley and Ft. Worth, Texas. My mother visited him sometime in the 30's. That is all I know about the family. I do not know the date of Marie's death.

The daughter of Joseph[5] Alexander and Mary Irvin Halbert was CATHERINE, b. July 2, 1862, in St. Clair County, Il. (I called her Aunt Kate.) She m. Samuel Judson Scott on March 4, 1884, and they had seven children, namely: Ruth, Grace, Blanche, Ada, Thomas, Ray, and Warren. Samuel Judson Scott was called Judson or "Jud" for short, and he was a coal miner most of his life. He and Catherine lived, in later years, on a small farm south of O'Fallon, Il. Ray and Warren used to visit us on the farm when I was a small boy, and my sister, Hazel, and I walked to their home near O'Fallon from Belleville, Il., after my father had died and we had moved to Belleville. Uncle Jud was a pretty fair country fiddler, and I, of course, was interested in that instrument. About 1928, he taught me how to play one tune which I think is unique; at least I do not find it in any of the anthologies. It is called "Okaw", which is an Indian name meaning river, and, in Illinois, it is used synonymously with Kaskaskia.

It is a country jig, and it is somewhat similar in structure to one of Weiniowski's pieces called "Mazurka". Both Uncle Jud and Aunt Kate, whom I knew perhaps best in their older years, were quite spry and vivacious people. Uncle Jud not only could play a country jig on the fiddle, he could do one and sometimes did. Judson Scott died March 12, 1933, and is buried in the Shiloh, Il., Cemetery. His father's name was Samuel Scott, and his mother's name was Elizabeth, nee Phillips, Scott. Catherine died July 9, 1934, while in Texas visiting her brother, John[6] Thomas, at Ft. Worth. She, also, is buried in the Shiloh, Il., Cemetery. Their lot is at the far west side of the cemetery.

Ruth Scott, a daughter of Catherine and Judson Scott, was b. June 5, 1887, in St. Clair County, Il. I do not have the date of her death, nor the place of her burial. She was married four times, first to a Jack or John Harrington. They had one daughter, Kathryn, b. about 1908, and still living. She visited us once when I was a young man, and I took her to O'Fallon to see her grandmother. Ruth married next Arthur Graham, then Lewis King, and then Charles Hirsh. In so far as I know, her husbands are all now deceased, and she had only the one daughter. The last I heard, Kathryn was living in Hong Kong. She married a man by the name of Sheppard, I believe.

Grace Scott, also a daughter of Catherine and Judson Scott, was b. July 2, 1889, in St. Clair County, Il. She married William Thomas on Dec. 17, 1925. William died June 23, 1951, and is buried in Cal., where Grace now lives. They had no children.

Blanche Scott, another daughter of Catherine and Judson Scott, was b. April 10, 1892, also in St. Clair County, Il. She married Niels Alfred Schmidt in Detroit, Mich., in 1917. He was the son of Niels Iver and Helen Schmidt, and he was b. Jan. 19, 1889. They had four children, namely: Robert Alfred, Niels Iver, Jean Elva, and Joseph Judson. Robert was b. Sept. 21, 1918; Niels Iver was b. Nov. 28, 1919; Jean was b. Mar. 14, 1921; and Joseph Judson was b. Oct. 6, 1927. Niels Alfred Schmidt, Blanche's husband, died in 1965, and is buried in Ypsilanti, Mich. He ran an antique and importing business outside Detroit, and the business is still in the family. It is located on West Michigan Ave. in Ypsilanti, Mich., and is run by Blanche and several of her sons.

Robert Alfred Schmidt m. Mabel Wilson Nov. 12, 1965, in Garden City, Mich. Mabel was b. Jan. 25, 1930, in Detroit, Mich., and is the daughter of Neil and Helen Wilson. She had three children by a previous marriage as follows: Peggy Beth, b. Feb. 26, 1947; Libby Patricia, b. Feb. 9, 1950; and Holly Angeline, b. Aug. 31, 1956. All were born in Detroit. Peggy is m. to Tedd Holiday. She has a son, Iain Green, by a first marriage, b. Sept. 25, 1969. She was divorced in 1970 and m. Tedd on Nov. 12, 1977. Peggy has a B.A. degree from Mary Grove College in Detroit, Mich., awarded in 1978. Libby m. Craige Smith on May 29, 1971, in Wooster, Ohio. They have no children. Holly m. Gary Heikkien on Aug. 7, 1978, in Birmingham, Mich. They have no children.

Niels Iver Schmidt m. Ruth Louise Wirth on Aug. 21, 1954, in Ann Arbor, Mich. She was b. July 21, 1928, in Ypsilanti, Mich., and is the daughter of Floyd Rae and Louise Katherine, nee Seitz, Wirth. Both Niels Iver and Robert served in W.W. II and were severely wounded. Carol Louise, daughter of Niels Iver and Ruth, was b. Feb. 11, 1955, in Ann Arbor, Mich. She has a B.A. degree in food science from Michigan State University, awarded in 1977.

Jean Elva Schmidt m. Vern Magee. All I know is that they live in Clinton, Mich.

Joseph Judson Schmidt m. Marjorie Jacobs about 1953. She was b. Oct. 13, 1932. They have four children, as follows: Charles A., b. May 24, 1955; Thomas L., b. May 22, 1954; Joseph Judson, Jr., b. May 1, 1959; and Mathew Scott, b. May 20, 1962. The Joseph Judson Schmidts live in Ypsilanti, Mich., and I think he now runs the store.

Thomas Scott, a son of Catherine and Judson Scott, was b. Nov. 6, 1895. He grew to young manhood in the Scott home at O'Fallon, Il., and never married. Sometime in 1917, he disappeared and was never heard from. There was much speculation about this. Some thought it possible that he had gone to Canada to enlist in the war, that he had been sent over seas and had been killed.

Raymond Harold Scott, another son of Catherine and Judson Scott, was b. May 14, 1900, in O'Fallon, Il., and was m. to Trula Walk on Jan. 30, 1930. He and Trula were divorced May 21, 1945, and they had no children. Ray m. next Vera Berger on Nov. 15, 1952. Vera was b. June 18, 1908. They have no children. Ray and his younger brother, Warren, used to visit us on the farm during the summer months when I was a boy, and I can remember having many good times with them. Ray had a strong musical bent in his younger days, probably inherited from his father, although to my knowledge he never played the violin but preferred picked instruments, such as the mandolin, banjo, and guitar. He was good enough that he played professionally for a time, but he mostly worked at Fisher Body shops and at McDonald's in St. Louis. He and Vera have taken a lot of interesting trips since they retired about ten years ago. They live in Granite City, Il.

Warren Francis Scott, the youngest son of Judson and Catherine Halbert Scott, was b. Dec. 29, 1902, at O'Fallon, Il., and he d. Jan. 24, 1978, in St. Clair Shores, Mich. On Oct. 3, 1923, he m. Verla Pearl Scott. She was the daughter of Thomas Paine and Lillie Mae, nee Clabaugh, Scott. Warren and Verla had four children. Thomas Warren was b. April 7, 1926, and d. July 1, 1926. Paul Herbert was b. Sept. 12, 1928. He m. Winifred Murray, who was b. Arpil 1, 1928. They have four children, as follows: Christine, b. Sept. 6, 1952; Suzanne, b. June 22, 1954; Paula, b. Jan. 29, 1957; and Rebecca, b. June 23, 1958. Paul served in the U. S. Marine Corps from 1946 to 1950, and has a degree from Taylor University. Richard was b. March 7, 1936. He served in the Marine Corps from 1956 to 1958. He is m. to Dianne Pfent, who was b. Feb. 27; 1934. They have four children, namely: Jeffrey Scott, b. Mar. 8, 1963; Judson, b. Feb. 15, 1964; Jason, b. Nov. 30, 1966; and Nichole, b. Nov. 29, 1970. Jean Caroline Scott was b. June 29, 1945. She m. David Wiedyke, who was b. Arpil 31, 1945, and they have two children, as follows: Scott David, b. Dec. 29, 1966; and Shane Mathew, b. Oct. 26, 1969. Warren was an employee of the U. S. Postal Service for most of his life. His widow still lives in Michigan.

JAMES^{6} ROBERT HALBERT, called Robert, (I called him Uncle Rob) was b. Dec. 2, 1866, in St. Clair County, Il., on the old Halbert farm east of New Athens, Il. He d. in 1951 at the age of 85, in Belleville, Il., and is buried on the Scott lot in the Shiloh, Il., Cemetery. He never married. After his mother, Mary Irwin, died, he lived for a time with her people and then lived and worked in St. Louis, Mo. He worked as a carpenter for many years at Shaw's Garden, what is now called the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

After he became old and ill, my mother provided a home for him and cared for his needs. She did this out of the greatness of her heart and not for any monetary gain, and partly, I am convinced, because her father, Joseph^{5} A. Halbert, had always worried about him.

I remember him well as he was in his later years. He had good intelligence and a keen sense of wit, and loved to tell long, complicated stories about people of the past. He'd slap his knees and laugh and say, "Well, Jimminey scat," and then go into a paroxism of coughing. He must have had a bad case of emphysema, although I don't think he ever smoked. I used to get a little bored with some of his long stories, although I must say that there was always a point to them and nearly always something humorous. Sometimes I'd kid him and ask him why he never married. Then he'd get half serious and say, "This marriage business, now, it's like reaching into a barrel full of snakes in which there's one eel, and hoping you'll get the eel."

Although he left no written records, other than the names of his children and the dates of their birth recorded in the old family Bible, Joseph[5] A. Halbert must have had a keen sense of family history, for he had named his first son, who did not live, William, for the first Halbert in America. His second son, John[6] Thomas, he named for his father, John[4], the first to come to Illinois. His daughter, Catherine, he named for his beloved sister, and his son, James[6] Robert, he named for his grandfather, who had been in the Revolutionary War.

JOSPEH[5] A. AND MARY McFERON HALBERT

After Mary Irwin died, Joseph[5] A. Halbert m. Mary McFeron, nee Noe, sometime in 1868. She was the widow of Robert McFeron. It was about this time that Joseph[5] A. Halbert moved to Washington County, Il. He and Mary McFeron had two children who lived, Eugene[6], and Charles[6].

EUGENE[6] HALBERT, son of Joseph[5] A. and Mary McFeron Halbert, was b. Feb. 5, 1869, in Washington County, Il., in Pilot Knob Twnsp. On Oct. 27, 1891, he m. Flora Belle Seyler, daughter of George Seyler, a Methodist minister, and Elmira, nee Larkin, Seyler. One of Elmira's grandparents was, reputedly, an Irishman by the name of Pat Akins. Eugene[6] and Flora had eight children, as follows: Estelle, Edgar[7], Mary, Pearl, Harry[7], Mamie, Lillian, and Viola. Flora was b. Oct. 11, 1868, and d. March 26, 1939. Eugene[6] d. Mar. 2, 1947, in Chicago, Il., at the home of his son, Harry[7]. He d. of cancer of the pancreas after a long and painful illness and was nursed by his daughter-in-law, Mary Dintelman Halbert, a registered nurse. Although they were separated before her death, Eugene[6] and Flora are both buried in the family plot in the Masonic Cemetery in Nashville, Il. Uncle Gene, as I called him, was a large, rather nice looking man, calm in manner. He spent most of his life working for other people and never accumulated very much of this world's goods. On the other hand, I doubt very greatly if anyone ever called him dishonest or insincere. As a youth, I always looked up to him as a very likable, sincere person.

Estelle Halbert was b. Sept. 16, 1892, in St. Louis, Mo. She d. Nov. 20, 1972. On June 7, 1918, she m. Percy McMillen in New York, N.Y. He was b. Dec. 6, 1880, in New Orleans, La., and d. Oct. 28, 1970, in California. He and Estelle had two children, a son, James Halbert McMillen, and a daughter, Eugenie McMillen. James m. and at the time of his death had seven living children. He was a veteran of W.W. II and was killed in an automobile accident in about 1972. His wife is remarried and living in Colorado Springs, Colo. Eugenie m. Henning Bodenhoff, a major in the Danish army, assigned to NATO, on April 30, 1960. They have a son, Michael, who was b. May 17, 1961. They were divorced about 1975, and he is back in Denmark.

Edgar[7] Halbert was b. Sept. 16, 1894, in Nashville, Il., and he d. there Feb. 22, 1905, as a youth nine years of age. He is buried in the family plot in the Masonic Cemetery in Nashville, Il.

Mary Halbert was b. Dec. 10, 1895, in Nashville, Il. She m. Amos Bigham on Oct. 29, 1925, in Centralia, Il. Amos was the son of John Bigham and Cinderella Green Bigham, and he d. May 26, 1950, of a heart attack. He is buried in Hillcrest Memorial Park, a cemetery in Centralia, Il. Robert Hoover, Pearl's son, who knew him, says that he was "one of the most lovable, unforgetable characters there ever was," that he had been a boat captain on the Mississippi River, had prospected for gold, had been a school teacher and an honest polititian, and that he was a widower with several children from a previous marriage. He and Mary had no children. Mary now lives in Chicago, Il., and holds several appointive political jobs. She has traveled widely, both in this country and abroad.

Pearl Halbert was b. May 15, 1897, in Nashville, Il., and d. Oct. 23, 1960, at the home of her son, Robert Hoover, in California. On Oct. 25, 1919, she m. Robert Lee Hoover, son of Robert L. Hoover and Anna Jaco Hoover, who was born in Dublin, Ireland. They had one son, Robert Lee Hoover, Jr., b. Aug. 9, 1920, and who m. Tevetis Smart Allen, daughter of James Lowery Smart and Minnie Adel Jewett Smart, on

Aug. 3, 1946. She was b. July 7, 1907. Robert Lee Hoover, Jr. is a veteran of W.W. II, having served in the navy. He and Tevetis have no children, although she has two from a previous marriage. In Jan. of 1922, Pearl divorced Robert L. Hoover, and in 1925, she m. Wallace Perkins. They had one daughter, Mary. Mary Dorothy Perkins was b. Jan. 25, 1925, in Chicago, Il. On July 15, 1945, she m. Kenneth Leonard Hougham in Kansas City, Mo. Kenneth was b. Oct. 11, 1925, in Bloomington, Il. They have four children, as follows: Bonnie Lou, b. Nov. 3, 1947, in Chicago, Il.; Linda Lee, b. April 25, 1949, in Chicago, Il.; Karen Sue, b. June 5, 1954, in Van Nuys Cal.; and Debra Ann, b. July 10, 1956, in Encino, Cal. Bonnie Lou m. James Douglas Robinson on April 8, 1966, in Las Vegas, Nev. He was b. Feb. 24, 1943, in Norfolk, Va. They have two children, James Kenneth, b. Feb. 22, 1967, in Panarama City, Cal., and William Gary, b. Nov. 28, 1971, in Panarama City, Cal. Linda Lee m. Craig Douglas Hughes on Jan. 14, 1957, in Rolling Hills, Cal. Craig was b. June 27, 1945, in Hollywood, Cal. They have two children, Christopher Douglas, b. Aug. 2, 1957, and Dustin Lee, b. Mar. 25, 1970, both in Panarama City, Cal. Karen Sue m. Thomas Ralph Baroma on Oct 8, 1977, in Las Vegas, Nev. He was b. in Staten Island, N.Y., on Feb. 14, 1951. They have one child, Thomas Christopher, b. Aug. 28, 1978, in Targana, Cal. Debra Ann is unmarried. Wallace Perkins d. in Mar., 1966. He and Pearl are both buried in Chatsworth, Calif.

Harry[7] Halbert was b. Dec. 21, 1898, in Nashville, Il. He d. Nov. 11, 1951, in Chicago, Il., and he is buried in Valhalla Cemetery in Belleville, Il. He was m. to Mary Dintelman, his half-cousin, in Dec. of 1929, in Chicago, Il. He lived and worked most of his life in Chicago, Il. For many years, he owned and operated his own cab. During the war years, he worked in defense industry. In later years, he worked for the transportation company, first as a motorman, and later as a bus driver. After his death in 1951, Mary (called Mayme) moved to Belleville, Il., where her mother still lived. She and Harry had no children. She was a registered nurse and worked for many years in Chicago, Il., and again after moving to Belleville, Il. Harry was a diffident person, rather hard to know well, but his fine personality more than made up for any difficulty in getting to know him. See more about Mayme and Harry in the Dintelman history.

Mamie Halbert was b. Jan. 8, 1902, in Nashville, Il. On April 20, 1929, she m. Anthony Angarole in Chicago, Il. He and Mamie have two daughters, June and Alice. June was b. June 18, 1936, in Chicago, Il., and on Aug. 20, 1954, she m. Chris Trakas. She and Chris have two sons Chris Gus, b. in Oct., 1955, and Anthony, b. May 7, 1957. Alice Angarole was b. Feb. 8, 1938, in Chicago, Il., and on May 1, 1958, she m. James Calgano, who is the son of James and Caroline, nee Caliendo, Calgano, and who was b. Sept. 27, 1935. They have one son, James V. Calgano, b. Feb. 8, 1959. For many years Mamie and Tony ran a store in Chicago, Il. Tony is now retired and they lived for a number of years in the country near Galatia, Il. I have heard that they recently moved to Florida.

Lillian Halbert was b. Mar. 19, 1904, in Nashville, Il. She m. Glen Lively in December of 1922, and they had one daughter who did not live. Glen is dead, and Lillian later m. Tom Chenons and is living in California.

Viola Halbert was b. Feb. 16, 1906, in Nashville, Il., and d. as a young girl on Jan. 25, 1924. She is buried in the family plot in Masonic Cemetery, Nashville, Il.

CHARLES[6] HALBERT was b. Dec. 31, 1870, near Nashville, Il. He m. Anna Burmester in 1896 or '97. Anna was b. in Jan. of 1873, near Carmi, Il. Charles worked on the railroad most of his life and became a section foreman. He and Anna had two children,

Alva[7] Virgil Raymond Halbert and Geneva Halbert, both b. in Il. When the children were young, the family moved to Texas. Later, they lived at Red Rock, Arizona, before returning to Texas. Charles was the founder and first president of a civic club in Houston, Texas, and there is a Charles Halbert Park named for him in the Sunset Heights addition of Houston, Texas. It is at 23rd and Courtland Streets there. Charles and Anna were divorced about 1912, and his wife and children went to California. Later, Charles m. Sarah Robbins, nee Roach, formerly of Groveston, Texas. Charles[6] Halbert d. Nov. 14, 1947, in Houston, Texas. Anna returned to Texas in her later years and d. in Houston Oct. 8, 1959. She and Charles[6] are buried in Houston.

Alva[7] Halbert was b. Mar. 1, 1898, in Il. On May 15, 1923, he m. Elizabeth Daniel in Baytown, Texas. They were divorced prior to 1940, and had no children. In 1940; he married again, this time to Inez Reynolds, nee Shell. They had no children. They were living in California when Alva d. Nov. 12, 1947.

Geneva Halbert, daughter of Charles[6] and Anna, was b. April 1, 1904, in Goodwine, Il. After a year in college, Geneva was m. to Louis Davis Beago on May 21, 1923. Louis Davis was the son of Louis and Charity, nee Davis, Beago. They had two sons, Louis Gene and Charles Davis. Louis Gene Beago was b. June 27, 1925, in Houston, Texas. On May 9, 1947, he m. Vera Goodrum, daughter of Laura, nee Landholt, and Thomas Goodrum. They have one daughter, Bunny Gail, b. Dec. 4, 1950, in Houston, Texas. She m. Howell Grimes on Mar. 23, 1973. Louis Gene and Vera also have two sons, Barry, b. April 21, 1954, and Brad Louis, b. April 19, 1963, both in Houston, Texas. Barry m. Deanna Cleveland June 10, 1977. She is the daughter of Norman and Peggy Ann, nee Kennedy, Cleveland, and she was b. Aug. 31, 1961. Brad Louis is still at home. Geneva and Louis Beago's other son, Charles Davis, was b. Mar. 19, 1930, in Houston, Texas. In 1953, he m. Patricia, nee Maxwell, Miller. They were divorced about 1957. Charles and Patricia have one son, Charles Davis Beago, Jr., b. Mar. 18, 1954. In 1971, Charles Davis, Jr. m. Mary Jane Applegate, and they have a son, Charles Davis, III, b. in April, 1972, and a daughter, Lelani, b. in Sept., 1974.

After Geneva and Louis Beago were divorced in 1947, she m. my brother, Leslie, in Houston, Texas, in 1951. Leslie d. Dec. 22, 1972, in Houston, and is buried there. Geneva still lives in Houston. She has a friendly personality and is well known and liked by her kin whom she visits whenever she can on her extensive trips.

JOSEPH[5] A. AND ELIZA McFERON HALBERT

Mary McFeron Halbert d. probably in 1873. She had given birth to a son, Albert, who did not live, on March 22, 1873, and Mary probably died shortly thereafter. By this time, Joseph[5] A. Halbert must have thought that he was not one of God's chosen people. He had lost two wives and several children, but, thank God, he persevered. On Sept. 16, 1874, in Perry County, Il., he m. Martha Eliza McFeron, his step-daughter. Eliza was b. Dec. 25, 1854, in St. Clair County, Il., and was the daughter of Mary Noe McFeron Halbert by her first husband, Robert McFeron. Some spell the name "McFeron" with two "r's", but I have it in Grandma's own handwriting spelled "McFeron", and I have to assume that is correct. She and Joseph[5] A. Halbert had five children, as follows: Marietta, b. 1875; Ralph[6], b. 1878; Laura, b. 1881; Joseph[6], b. 1884; and Paul[6], b. 1886. Joseph[5] A. Halbert d. Oct. 22, 1899, on his farm south of Nashville, Il., and is buried in Locust Creek Cemetery, nearby. Eliza lived until the spring of 1934, when she d. at the home of her daughter, Marietta, in Belleville, Il. She d. peacefully in her sleep, probably from a stroke, and is buried on the Dintelman lot in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Belleville, Il. On Aug. 28, 1900, she had m. Reuben O. "Doc." Irwin at Nashville, Il., and in 1902, they moved to Lenzburg, Il. In her later years, after "Doc." died, she made her home with several of her children, spending most of her time with Uncle Paul and my mother.

MARIETTA HALBERT, my mother, was b. Nov. 15, 1875, on the Halbert farm south of Nashville, Il. She d. May 14, 1964, at Belleville, Il., and is buried beside her husband, Henry, on the Dintelman lot in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Belleville, Il. On May 9, 1897, she m. my father, Henry Dintelman, in Nashville, Il. They had six children, and, for a more complete account, see the Dintelman History in this story.

RALPH[6] ELMER HALBERT, a son of Joseph[5] A. and Eliza McFeron Halbert, was b. April 2, 1878, on the Halbert farm near Nashville, Il. He d. in December of 1945, in Lindsay, Calif., and is buried there. In Nov., 1903, he m. Mary Tryon, daughter of Thomas and Bertha, nee Putsch, Tryon, who was b. May 27, 1879. Mary Tryon d. in July, 1960, and is also buried in the Lindsay, Calif. Cemetery. Mary Tryon was a sister of Jennie, Uncle Paul's wife. Mary and Ralph had nine children, as follows: Bertha, Edna, Elmer[7], Rollo[7], Jennie, Elsie, Ralph[7], Ida, and Keith[7].

Bertha Halbert, a daughter of Ralph and Mary, was b. Aug. 29, 1904, in Glendale, Texas. She is now living in Ashippun, Wisc. On Nov. 4, 1926, she m. Derald G. Harpster, who was b. Mar. 12, 1903, in St. Peter, Il. He d. Aug. 2, 1964. Bertha and Derald had two children, Joyce Lee, and Richard Gene. Joyce Lee was b. Feb. 27, 1930, in Chicago, Il. On April 14, 1966, she m. Donald Butler, who was b. Oct. 9, 1934, at Downers Grove, Il. Joyce has three children, two from a previous marriage, as follows: Carol Lynn Snobel, b. June 15, 1951, in Chicago, Il., and Mark A. Snobel, b. April 1, 1957, in Chicago. The third child, Donald Butler, Jr., was b. Nov. 10, 1967, at Hinsdale, Il. Carol is living in Buffalo, Wyoming, and Mark and Donald are living with their parents on a farm near Watertown, Wisc. Richard Gene Harpster was b. Mar. 21, 1933, near St. Peter, Il. On Sept. 24, 1955, he m. Anne Jean Clarke, who was b. Feb. 9, 1934, in Chicago, Il., and is the daughter of Daniel and Jewel Boyd Clarke. Richard and Anne live in Ashippun, Wisc. and have four children, namely: Michael Ralph, b. Feb. 1, 1963, in Cleveland, Ohio; Greg Allen, b. Oct. 10, 1964, in Mt. Lebanon, Penn.; Doug William, b. June 21, 1966, in Brookfield, Wisc.; and Robin Jessica, b. June 12, 1968, in Brookfield, Wisc.

Edna G. Halbert, another daughter of Ralph and Mary, was b. Feb. 24, 1906, in Mowequa, Il. On July 28, 1929, she m. Robert Mosher Riggs in Chicago, Il. Robert was b. May 20, 1904, in Chicago, Il., and is the son of Elmer and Helen, nee Mosher, Riggs. They are living in Port Arthur, Texas, and have three children, as follows: Robert Halbert Riggs, Rodger Gene Riggs, and Ralph Elmer Riggs. Robert Halbert Riggs was b. Nov. 19, 1931, in Chicago, Il. He m. Betty Jo Mann on Nov. 15, 1969. They are living in Denver, Colo. Robert H. Riggs has one child from a previous marriage, Robert Riggs, b. Oct. 7, 1964, in Houston, Texas. He is living with his father in Denver, Colo. Edna's second son, Rodger Gene, was b. April 21, 1938, in Crystal, Mich. He m. Maureen Dale Mayea on June 18, 1961. She is the daughter of Eddie and Mildred Mayea, who are now divorced, and was b. April 19, 1942, in Port Arthur, Texas. They have two children, namely: Loraine Dale, b. Nov. 28, 1962, in Houston, Texas; and Nathan Aaron, b. Aug. 29, 1964, in Houston, Texas. They are living in Houston. Edna's third son, Ralph Elmer, was b. Oct. 14, 1940, in Crystal, Mich. On Oct. 21, 1961, he m. Darlene Ann Neely, a daughter of Darrell and Agnes Neely, who was b. Jan. 15, 1943, in Port Arthur, Texas. They are living in Denver, Colo., and have two children, as follows: Kory J., b. July 27, 1965, in Houston; and Kelly J., b. July 15, 1967, also in Houston, Texas.

Elmer[7] Louis Halbert, son of Ralph and Mary, was b. April 28, 1907, in Lenzburg, Il. He is living in Myrtle Creek, Ore. On Oct. 27, 1935, he m. Pansy Thelma Reed. Pansy is the daughter of Leland Jay and Gladys Brock Reed and was b. March 10, 1917, in Leland, Ore. They have five children, namely: Carol Lee, David[8] Ray, Larry[8] Bruce, Dianne J., and Sharon Ann. Carol Lee was b. June 18, 1939, in Aromas, Calif. She m. Dr. John Aaronson on April 1, 1967, and they reside in Medford, Ore. Carol and Dr. Aaronson have three children, as follows: Robert Lewis (Berrow) Aaronson, b. May 15, 1957, in Roseburg, Ore.; Jarold (Berrow) Aaronson, b. July 4, 1959, in Medford, Ore.; and Michelle Lee, b. July 25, 1968, in Medford, Ore. The first two children are Carol's by a previous marriage to a man by the name of Berrow. They have been adopted by Dr. Aaronson. David[8] Ray Halbert was b. Jan. 15, 1942, in Ashland, Ore. He m. Lura Alice Lockabey on Sept. 19, 1967. She is the daughter of Virgil Almon and Virginia Marquis Lockabey, and was b. March 23, 1944, in Loma Linda, Calif. David[8] has a son, Kurtis[9] Martin, b. April 24, 1966, in Mountain View, Calif., by a former marriage, and a daughter, Eden Virginia, b. April 24, 1970, in Sunnyvale, Calif. Larry[8] Bruce Halbert was b. Sept. 24, 1943, in Ashland, Ore. He m. Vicki Mosdeck, daughter of Albert and Orpha Mosdeck. She was b. Feb. 23, 1946, in Vallejo, Calif. Larry[8] has one child, Paul[9] Louis Halbert, b. Feb. 21, 1972, in Roseburg, Ore., by a previous marriage. Dianne June Halbert was b. Dec. 24, 1945, in Ashland, Ore. On Oct. 7, 1972, she m. Lawrence Bilyeu, son of Ralph and Elizabeth Bilyeu, and b. Oct 23, 1939. They have four children, as follows: Lisa Rae Parret (prev. marriage), b. Aug. 19, 1965, in Idaho Falls; Shawn Tyler Parret (prev. marriage), b. Aug. 25, 1970, in Medford, Ore.; and twins, Mark Christopher and Mellisa Dianne, b. Jan. 12, 1974, in Roseburg, Ore. Sharon Ann Halbert was b. Sept. 12, 1957, in Myrtle Creek, Ore. On Sept. 17, 1977, she m. Raymond G. Grytness, who was b. Oct. 24, 1956, and is the son of O'Mallory and Evelyn Grytness.

Rollo[7] Halbert was b. Feb. 12, 1910, in Blue Mound, Il. He died Feb. 16, 1910, after having lived only a few days.

Jennie Marie Halbert, another daughter of Ralph and Mary, was b. Feb. 8, 1911, in Blue Mound, Il. On April 6, 1936, she m. John Hughes, who was b. Nov. 17, 1909, in Missouri. They live in Riddle, Ore. Jennie's first husband was named Gaynor, and they had two children, Keith Patrick, b. Jan. 28, 1929, in Taylorville, Il., and Robert, b. Dec. 6, 1935, in Taylorville. Keith P. Gaynor m. Norma Phelps in Myrtle Creek, Ore.,

Sept. 17, 1956. She was the daughter of Harlan and Adele Freeman Phelps, and was b. Dec. 15, 1939. Keith is living in Myrtle Creek, Ore., and has two children, Diana Lynn, b. Nov. 1, 1958, and Susan Adele, b. Oct. 18, 1960. Norma died some time ago and is buried at Roseburg, Ore. Robert Gaynor m. Joan Hardin on Sept. 15, 1954. They live in Roseburg, Ore., and have four children, as follows: Robert Lee, b. Feb. 5, 1955, in Roseburg, Ore.; Gary, b. Nov. 8, 1957, in Roseburg; Philip, b. July 10, 1958, in Roseburg; Penny, b. Aug. 11, 1961, in Roseburg. Bonita Mae Hughes, a daughter of Jennie and John Hughes, was b. March 21, 1937, in Mount Auburn, Il. On Feb. 3, 1959, she m. James Roswell, b. Jan. 20, 1919, in Roseburg, Ore. He is the son of James Henry and Lela Coleman Rosewell. They have three children, namely: Bonita Marie, b. July 9, 1959, in Roseburg; Vicky Lynn, b. Nov. 23, 1957, in Roseburg, Ore.; and James P. Rosewell, b. Aug. 29, 1963, in Lindsay, Calif. Dixie, a great-grandaughter to Jennie, was b. to Bonita Marie and her husband, Antonio Jiminez, on Feb. 8, 1977, and a great-grandson, John, was b. to Vicky Lynn and her husband, on Sept. 2, 1977. George Claris Hughes, a son of Jennie and John Hughes, was b. Dec. 8, 1938, in Taylorville, Il. He m. Dana George, a daughter of Sherman and Mildred George. They have four children, namely: Kathlyn, b. Aug. 26, 1962, in Roseburg, Ore.; Deloris Ann, b. June 10, 1964, in Roseburg, Ore.; Joseph, b. Jan. 13, 1966, in Newberg, Ore.; and Lisa, b. April 9, 1968, in Sonora, Calif. Thelma Hughes, another daughter of Jennie and John Hughes, was b. Dec. 16, 1941, in Lindsay, Calif. She m. Fred Perkins on Feb. 7, 1960. Fred is the son of Roland Z. and Pearl M. Barnett Perkins, and was b. June 19, 1935, in Redwood City, Calif. They have five children, as follows: Roland, b. Sept. 9, 1960, in Roseburg, Ore.; Billie Jean, b. Sept. 1, 1959, in Roseburg, Ore.; Tracy, b. July 30, 1962, in Roseburg, Ore.; Donna b. Feb. 26, 1970, in Eugene, Ore.; and Kelli Marie, b. May 5, 1977, in Eugene, Ore. Patrick Lee Hughes, another son of Jennie and John Hughes, was b. June 16, 1943, in Lindsay, Calif. He is married and has two children, namely: Teressa, b. in Oct., 1962, in Eugene, Ore., and Darrin, b. Feb. 3, 1968, in Eugene, Ore.

Elsie F. Halbert, a daughter of Ralph and Mary Tryon Halbert, was b. Sept. 29, 1913, in Blue Mound, Il. She m. Delbert Shelton in Myrtle Creek, Ore. Elsie d. Nov. 2, 1962, in Lindsay, Calif., and Delbert preceded her in death. Elsie and Delbert Shelton had five children, namely: Donald, Beverly, Ellen, Philip, and Richard. After Delbert Shelton had died, Elsie married a man by the name of Underwood, and he and Elsie had two children, Ronald and Charles, who live in Lindsay, Calif. Donald Shelton, b. April 29, 1932, in Myrtle Creek, Ore., m. Barbara Phelps, daughter of Harlan and Bernice Phelps. Donald has several children and is now married to someone other than Barbara. The family lives in Myrtle Creek, Ore. Beverly Shelton, b. Oct. 20, 1933, in Myrtle Creek, Ore., m. Charles Robert Rose on March 9, 1969. He was b. May 12, 1929, and is the son of James and Myra Doll Wagoner Rose. They live in Auburn, Calif. Beverly has one child by a previous husband, Arnold D. Shoults, Stephanie, b. Dec. 29, 1953, in Exeter, Calif. Stephanie is m. to David Dietrick and has a son, Robert Benjamin, b. Sept. 1, 1975. Ellen Shelton was b. Oct. 27, 1945. She m. Dennis Destephano, b. Dec. 8, 1943, son of Frederick and June Destephano. They live in Napa, Calif., and have two children, Denise, b. Nov. 27, 1966, in Vallejo, Calif., and Dennis, b. March 16, 1963, in Vallejo, Calif. Philip Shelton was b. Oct. 12, 1934, in Myrtle Creek, Ore. He is married and living in Scottsdale, Arizona. He and his wife are parents of twins, Kimberly and Karen, b. Nov. 16, 1968, in Scottsdale, Arizona. I know that Philip served some time in the Air Force during the Korean conflict because he spent some time living at our house in Belleville, Il., both before and after the war. I am sorry that this information about his family is incomplete, but I did not get any reply to my correspondence. Richard David Shelton was b. Feb. 4, 1955, in Lindsay, Calif., and d. Nov. 2, 1962, in Lindsay, Calif.

Ralph[7] Halbert, a son of Ralph and Mary, was b. in 1915, in Kincaid, Il., and d. there as a young boy in 1918.

Ida Mae Halbert was b. in 1916, in Kincaid, Il., and d. there in 1918, at the age of two.

Keith[7] Victor Halbert, a son of Ralph and Mary, was b. April 14, 1921, in Kincaid, Il. He m. Thelma King, b. Sept. 9, 1924, in Eastland, Texas, and they have one child, Kevin[8] Keith Halbert, b. Dec. 10, 1952, in Canyonville, Ore. They live in Riddle, Ore.

LAURA HALBERT, the youngest daughter of Joseph[5] A. and Eliza McFeron Halbert, was b. June 12, 1881, on the Halbert farm south of Nashville, Il. She m. Richard Haupt, a farm boy, about 1904 or 1905, and they spent most of their married life living in St. Louis, Mo., where he was employed as a salesman in several department stores. Uncle Richard was an honest and very sincere person and must have been a highly valued employee. My father always thought he would have been happier if they had stayed on the farm, but Laura was a willful person, and she wanted to live in the city. Laura and Richard had two sons, Myron Merle, and Melvin. Myron was b. about 1910, and Melvin was b. about 1912. Melvin went through college and became, I think, a chemical engineer. I think both Myron and Melvin married, but whether either left any descendents, I do not know. I have lost contact with them, and do not know if they are living. My sister, Hazel, thinks Aunt Laura d. in March, about 1930. I know that Uncle Richard lived quite a few years after that. I presume they are both buried in a cemetery somewhere in St. Louis, Mo.

JOSEPH[6] A. HALBERT, a son of Joseph[5] A. and Eliza Halbert, was b. Aug. 15, 1884, on the Halbert farm in Washington County, Il., and d. in 1958. He is buried in the Edinburg, Il. Cemetery. He m. Rosa Hambuch, a daughter of Peter and Margaret Hambuch, who was b. in September, 1887. She d. in 1957, and she and Joseph[6] are both buried in the Edinburg Cemetery. Joseph[6] and Rosa had five children, as follows: Pearl, Arnold[7], Doris, Kenneth[7] and Maxine. Joseph[6] was a coal miner most of his life.

Pearl Margaret Halbert, a daughter of Joseph[6] and Rosa, was b. Dec. 22, 1907. She married David Paterson about 1930. David was the son of William Bain Paterson and Margaret McFarland Paterson, and he was b. Oct. 31, 1908, in Hamilton, Switzerland. He d. June 13, 1968. Pearl died about a year later. Both Pearl and David Paterson are buried in the Edinburg, Il. Cemetery. Pearl and David had three children, namely: Thomas Arnold, William Joseph, and David Kenneth. Thomas was b. Jan. 31, 1936, and is m. to Geraldine Faye Craig. Thomas has a degree from Andrews University at Berrien Springs, Mich. William was b. Dec. 16, 1938. He has a Bachelor's degree from Trinity College at Hartford, Conn., and a Master's degree from M.I.T. David was b. Aug. 8, 1942, in Kincaid, Il. He m. Marcia Kay Deno about 1966 or '67, the daughter of Earl Cecil and Amanda Edmunds Deno, who was b. Nov. 10, 1944. She has her Bachelor's degree from Il. State University at Normal, Il. David has both B.S. and M.S. degrees from Il. State University. David and Marcia have one son, Kenneth Duane, b. Aug. 11, 1969. David is presently principal of the High School at Sullivan, Il.

Arnold[7] Halbert, a son of Joseph[6] and Rosa, was b. Nov. 5, 1910. On May 1, 1937, he m. Marcella Crane, b. July 15, 1918, the daughter of Benjamin Hardin and Laura Mae Dodd Crane. The oldest child of Arnold[7] and Marcella is Gary[8] Arnold Halbert, b. Aug. 25, 1938. He is a plumber in business for himself in Kincaid, Il. Gary[8] m. Dorothy Francis Erickson, and they have one child, Marcie Ann, who was m. on June 20, 1977, to Wayne Ahker. They have a son, Erick Wayne, b. Nov. 30, 1978. Joseph[8] Henry Halbert, son of Arnold[7] and Marcella, was b. Dec. 30, 1946. He is now principal of the Cullom, Il., school. On July 1, 1970, he m. Victoria Lynn Bondy, and they have three children, as follows: Jeremy[9], b. Oct. 30, 1971; Justin[9], b. April 3, 1975; and

Felicia Ann, b. May 10, 1977. Rebecca Ann, b. Sept. 26, 1949, daughter of Arnold[7] and Marcella, is a teacher, and on April 9, 1977, she m. Larry Boutwell. John[8] Paul Halbert, another son of Arnold[7] and Marcella, was b. July 7, 1956. He works for Commonwealth Edison and is still at home. Arnold[7] was a coal miner but is now retired and is living in Kincaid, Il.

Kenneth[7] Halbert, was b. Feb. 24, 1918, at Lenzburg, Il., to Joseph[6] and Rosa Hambuch Halbert. He was m. to Isabella J. O'Connell at Junction City, Kansas, on May 24, 1941. She is the daughter of William and Eva Simpson O'Connell and was born at Tovey, Il. on July 25, 1920. They have one child, Linda Rose Halbert, b. Nov. 20, 1948. She m. John P. O'Brien on Oct. 25, 1975, and he was b. Oct. 1, 1949, the son of James and Helen Blair O'Brien of Springfield, Il. They have one son, Sean Patrick, b. July 28, 1976, at Springfield, Il.

Maxine Halbert, a daughter of Joseph[6] and Rosa, was b. in August, 1919, and she m. Edward Jarvis of Ziegler, Il. They have a daughter, Janet Carol, b. Aug. 21, 1952. Edward Jarvis died Nov. 5, 1968.

Doris Halbert, a daughter of Joseph[6] and Rosa, was b. at Jeisyville, a small town near Kincaid, Il., on June 1, 1921. On Aug. 8, 1942, she m. Orval Elwood Stone, who was b. Aug. 17, 1919, at Benton, Il. His parents were Elwood and Sophia Ellen, nee Sommers, Stone. They have one child, Kay Carol, b. May 26, 1944, at Taylorville, Il. About 1965, Kay Carol m. Louis Magos, who was b. Sept. 7, 1943, in New York, and is a son of Steve Magos. Louis and Kay Carol have three children, as follows: Lois Ann, b. April 14, 1966; Timothy Joseph, b. Feb. 20, 1968; and Kristi Lynn, b. Sept. 29, 1971. Orval Stone is now retired, and they live near Taylorville, Il.

PAUL[6] R. HALBERT, the youngest child of Joseph[5] A. and Eliza McFeron Halbert, was b. Oct. 14, 1886, on the Halbert farm south of Nashville, Il. Bertha says she thinks the middle initial is for Ray, but she is not sure. Paul m. Jennie Tryon, a younger sister of Ralph Halbert's wife, about 1909 or 1910. They had a child who did not live, and so it is difficult to get any exact dates. In 1922 or 1923, Jennie contracted tuberculosis, and they moved out West to a drier climate in 1926. Soon thereafter, they were followed by Ralph's family. Ralph bought a ranch in Oregon. Paul and Jennie lived for a time in Ashland, Oregon. Ralph's ranch was near Myrtle Creek, Oregon. Aunt Jennie was completely cured of tuberculosis after living for some time in a warmer, drier climate. Both families stayed out near the west coast. Ralph and Mary stayed near Myrtle Creek for some time, and then moved to Lindsay, Calif. Aunt Jennie and Uncle Paul remained in Ashland, Ore., until the late 1940's, when Aunt Jennie died. I presume she is buried there, but I do not know. Uncle Paul later moved to Napa, Calif., where he lived until his death in 1969, at the age of 83. I feel quite sad that I do not have more specific information about Uncle Paul and Aunt Jennie. When I was a young boy, they were among my favorite people. Most of the foregoing information about them, I got from Bertha Harpster, who is a daughter of Ralph[6] Halbert. Paul[6] Halbert, as were Joseph[6] and Ralph[6], was a coal miner while they were in Illinois.

Not long ago I drove by where the old Halbert home used to be on the Darmstadt Road east of New Athens, Il. We went by where the old Huggins house stood, too. The original house is long since gone, but a newer house somewhat similar to the old one now stands on the same spot. As I drove by in my modern car, I could not help thinking about how times have changed. In the days of my youth, conditions were closer to what they were when the first Halbert came to America, back in 1709, than what they are now compared to the days of my youth.

Perhaps it is important to remember that the Halberts and the Dintelmans, including my own father and mother, lived most of their lives prior to the advent of abundant energy. The older generation lived almost entirely in the horse and buggy era. They had no central, automatic heat, no hot and cold running water, no indoor plumbing of any kind, no convenient, quick transportation at the door, no electric motors or electric lights. In short, they relied solely on their own power or on horse or animal power. My father used to say that God gave an animal four legs to walk or run with, but to man He gave only two, one to put on each side of a horse. After the Civil War, most people did have access to steam locomotives. They built their own homes and barns from trees they felled themselves. This was the case with John[4] and "Patsy" Halbert when they settled on their own uncleared land east of New Athens, Il., and near Huggins Hill. John[4] Halbert built his own log cabin there, perhaps with the help of a few neighbors, from logs he had felled himself. Those of you who are used to all modern conveniences, consider what it must have been like for "Patsy", moving west by ox teams and with nine children in tow.

I consider myself a member of what I choose to call the transition generation. That is, I lived from the horse and buggy era of my youth to the age of atomic energy, space travel and energy shortage in my later years. For all the years during which my mother was raising six children, she never had any indoor plumbing, central heat, or electric lights, although most city dwellers had such conveniences by that time. My grandmother knew how to cook at a fireplace and how to use a spinning wheel. By the time most of those in my family were growing up, woven cloth was available in the stores, and my mother bought cloth from which she made most of our clothes. She had an old, treadle sewing machine and knew well how to use it.

Incidentally, during all the time those in our family were growing up and during all the years before, there was no social legislation of any kind. There was no A.D.C., no unemployment insurance, no food stamps, no medicare, no social security of any sort. We were on our own and knew it. Also, there was no immunization against childhood diseases, and children died like flies from diptheria, whooping cough, measles, and other diseases all of which are preventable now. We saw many older people who had badly scarred faces from having had and survived smallpox.

To help you understand what kind of stuff our ancestors must have been made of, there is a little story that ought to become part of the Halbert legend. Certainly, it is a part of the Americana of the period. Elizabeth Halbert, wife of William[3] Halbert, a descendent of Joel[2] Halbert, and a cousin of our James[3] Halbert, was in bed with a three day old baby. Her husband, William[3], was away at war, (the American Revolution, that is), when a mob of Tory neighbors came, held a gun to her head, and told her they would blow her brains out if she didn't get up. When she wisely complied, they took the featherbed, emptied the feathers, and rode away with the ticking, the cloth being very valuable in those days. William[3] survived the war and later moved to South Carolina where he prospered. His wife, Elizabeth, lived with a daughter, Susanah Acker, after William's[3] death in 1808. She lived until 1836, and, according to an account in a newspaper, had 207 living descendents in 1824, the date of the article.

There was another William[3] Halbert who also served in the Revolution and who was a brother of the James[3] of our line. The story in our family is that he served with the famous "Lighthorse" Harry Lee and was severely wounded in the war. This is confirmed by records of the period. I forget whether I saw it in one of Boddie's books or in the records of Essex County, Va. After the war, William[3] became an overseer on the Lee plantation in Va.

For what it is worth and for people who put stock in such things, the following description is offered of the Halbert coat of arms. It is copied from Boddie[2]. As the name "coat of arms" implies, the emblem was used in battle as an identification and for a rallying point. As was common in those days, many of the ancient Halberts in England kept soldiers for the king.

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HALBERT COAT OF ARMS

Arms: Gules, a chevron between three Halbards argent.
Crest: A Wolf Rampant reguardant ppr.
Motto: None recorded. (Often the case with the older arms.)
Authority: Burke's Armory, 1878 edition, p. 440, (Furnished by the International Ancestry Guild Co., Dublin, Ireland.)
Tinctures -- as indicated by description: The shield is Red (Gules).
The chevrons and Halbards are of Silver. The Wolf is natural Color.
The Gentleman's Helmet is of Steel Gray lined with Red.

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[2] Boddie, John B., Historical Southern Families, Vol. IX. Published by Genealogical Publishing Company, 521-523, St. Paul Place; Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

Grandfather Joseph[5] A. Halbert b. 1826 in Virginia, taken shortly before his death in 1899.

Grandmother Margarith, nee Heusel, Dintelmann b. 1837 in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany.

When time who steals
our years away
Shall steal our pleasures too
The memory of the past will stay
And half our joys renew.

Sample of handwriting of my mother, Marietta Halbert Dintelman. It was found among her belongings after her death written on a scrap of paper. It is typical of the type of thing of which she was fond.

My mother and father, Henry and Marietta Halbert Dintelman, taken on their wedding day in 1897.

THE DINTELMAN FAMILY

My Grandfather Dintelmann's name was Henry, and he was b. Dec. 28, 1834, in Hesse-Darmstadt, an electorate in what is now West Germany. Henry d. March 26, 1884, near Elkton, Il., from pneumonia, after falling from a horse, breaking a leg, and, no doubt, suffering some exposure. Some say that he also had diabetes. He was m. Aug. 19, 1857, in Belleville, Il., to Margarith Heusel. Margarith was b. Dec. 12, 1837, also in Hesse-Darmstadt. For a long time I thought her name was Margaret Heisel, although my sister, Hazel, thought it was Heusel, and Marguerite Meyer thought the first name should be Margaretta. The spelling, Margarith Heusel, is from the marriage certificate on file in the Belleville, Il., St. Clair Co. court house, and should be correct, although I am aware that in many such cases the spelling is only what an official thought it should be. She d. Sept. 5, 1896, reputedly from a severe gall bladder infection. She and her husband are buried in the Elkton, Il., Cemetery. The inscription on the stone is written in German. Margarith Dintelmann's mother outlived both Henry and Margarith by several years, and she lived, for a time, with my father and mother just after they were married. I remember my mother saying that she was a very fine old lady whom she liked very much. She didn't speak much English, and my mother spoke very little German, but they communicated. I remember my mother saying that she learned German cooking from her. Unfortunately, I do not know her name or where she and her husband are buried.

I can remember, as a small boy, seeing an old, large wooden box or trunk my mother had which had been brought from Germany by my father's Grandmother Heusel. My father always called it by its German name which I thought was "Kister". I don't find "Kister" in my German dictionary, but I do find "Kiste", meaning box or chest. I suppose the "r" sound I remember was simply the "r" sound the Germans get into many words. I don't know what became of the chest, but I suppose it just fell a-part from old age. I can remember that it had wooden dividers, had a "secret" compartment, and was very well made. My mother used it for storing clothes and bedding. What wonders it held for a small child!

Grandfather Dintelmann came to the United States about 1855, coming first to St. Louis, Mo., and then to Belleville, Il., according to family tradition. Also, according to tradition, there were three brothers with him. They were, I think, Georg, Conrad, and Philip. They were wagon-makers by trade and had a place of business on South Illinois Street, between Fifth and Sixth Streets, south, near the old Il. Central Railroad depot, in Belleville, Il. They advertised in the Belleville Advocate, Feb. 28, 1866, as follows:

DINTELMANN & BRO.
BELLEVILLE, ILL.
South Illinois Street, Near Depot
Manufacturer of Spring Wagons, Farm and Other
Wagons, Plows, Harrows, Etc., at St. Louis Prices

By this time, my grandfather, Henry, and his brother, Georg, had moved to Wash. Co., Il., and so there were only two Dintelmanns left in the wagon making firm. The one given is the only ad I find, although there are earlier articles in papers and evidence in city directories that show the Dintelmanns were here and well established by 1860, in Belleville, Il. The older generation spelled the name with two "n's", but my father and the others dropped the second "n" before the turn of the century.

We do not know for sure why the Dintelmanns left Germany just when they did or under what circumstances they came to America. We can only surmise that they were very unhappy with conditions as they were at the time in Germany. We do know, because I remember my father saying so, that they wished to better themselves and to own property, especially land, which only the nobility could do in Germany at that time. My father always took an active interest in politics and in economic affairs, and I presume that my grandfather and his brothers did also. Europe, at that time, was emerging from the age of Metternich, and the conservative alliance of the Russian tzars and the Prussian kings, along with the influence of Ferdinand I of Austria, left little scope for individualism anywhere in Germany. Moreover, there was an attempt being made about that time toward the unification of Germany under the hegemony of Prussia. My father always said that the Dintelmanns had nothing against the unification of Germany, but they despised the idea of universal military service being advocated by Prussia. In fact, the Dintelmanns hated all things Prussian. I remember my father telling that his grandmother said that she hadn't raised any sons to become cannon fodder for the glory of Prussia. Perhaps I should say at this point that my father spoke excellent High German which he had learned from his parents. I can remember that old German people came for miles just to converse with him in German.

Charles D. Hazen, in his history text, "Modern Europe", says (p. 310) about Germany of this period, (1848-'60) "For men who held democratic and republican ideas and ideals intensely there was no hope in Germany. Many, not willing to abandon their convictions, not wishing to live under a regime which denied the most elementary rights to individuals, moreover not safe in such states and not desired, had only the sad recourse of leaving the land of their birth....(Carl Schurz). Great was the gain of America! If these men could not have democratic institutions at home they could find them in the New World and could enjoy the opportunities they insure." One can only surmise that when liberalism failed to make even a small dent in Germanic affairs following 1848, the Dintelmanns were ready to leave Germany.

Born to Henry and Margarith Dintelmann were nine children, namely: Mary, Charles Conrad, Robert, Peter Philip, Elizabeth, Henry, Anna, Margaret (called Maggie), and Kathryn (called Kate).

MARY DINTELMAN, the oldest daughter of Henry and Margarith Heusel Dintelmann, was b. Jan. 4, 1859, while the Dintelmanns were still living in Belleville, Il. They moved to Wash. Co. a year later, in 1860. Mary became a practical nurse and never married. She spent most of her adult life helping other people and lived, in her later years, in a house on North High Street in Belleville, Il., provided by her sister, Anna Dintelman Meyer. She was a short, heavily built person, strong in both body and conviction and lived to be well into her eighties. She d. in Belleville, Il., on July 18, 1946, and is buried on the Baker lot in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Belleville, Il. Mrs. Baker was her niece. I knew her well in her later years and always went to visit her whenever I was home. She did a lot of sewing and fancy stitching.

CHARLES CONRAD DINTELMAN, the oldest son of Margarith and Henry Dintelmann, was b. Oct. 23, 1860, in St. Clair County, Il., about two months before his parents moved to Washington County. He had a stroke in 1923, from which he never fully recovered. About two years later, he had another stroke which left him bedfast until his death on Dec. 23, 1928. He is buried in the Pinkneyville, Il., City Cemetery. Charles C. Dintelman m. Frederika Christine Meier on April 5, 1883.

Frederika was the daughter of Christian and Frederika, nee Meyer, Meier, and was b. Dec. 21, 1860. She d. Nov. 14, 1918 of influenza and is buried in the Pinkneyville, Il., City Cemetery. Charles C. Dintelman, after he left Washington County, Il., lived in or near Pinkneyville, Il., most of his life. He started out farming, but none of his sons seemed interested in a farming career, so he sold out and moved to town about 1907. He worked for a while at the railroad roundhouse, and he also worked later as a night-watchman at a flour mill in Pinkneyville, Il. He was honest and hard-working. I remember him best as he was after his first stroke. He was, perhaps, not quite as tall as my father but must have been a strikingly good looking man in his prime. His second wife was Stella Bowls, and they were m. about 1920. She was a practical nurse and took good care of him after his stroke. His daughter, Katie, says that she was a "lovely" woman who had been a widow for many years before they were m., and whose children were all grown and away from home. Charles's and Frederika's children were all born in Perry County near Pinkneyville, Il., as far as I know.

Charles and Frederika's first child was John Christian, b. Feb. 10, 1884, and d. Oct. 21, 1924, of a heart attack. He m. Charlotte (called Lottie) Bart, who was b. Jan. 10, 1884, and d. May 24, 1924, of cancer. They had three girls, the last one of whom died at birth. The oldest, Charlotte, was b. Dec. 14, 1904. She m. Calvin Gordon Nov. 25, 1937, and they have no children. Calvin was b. Sept. 2, 1907, and is living in Tamaroa, Il. The second daughter, Elizabeth, was b. April 25, 1907, and d. Dec. 25, 1957. On May 29, 1936, she m. Andrew Farthing, who was b. Jan. 15, 1904, and d. Dec. 3, 1974. They are buried in the Pinkneyville, Il., City Cemetery. Connie Beth Farthing, a daughter of Elizabeth and Andrew, d. at birth, April 15, 1938. I do not have the date of the third daughter who died at birth.

Henry Robert Dintelman, a son of Charles C. and Frederika, was b. Nov. 27, 1885. He d. Oct. 8, 1938, of a heart attack, after suffering from high blood pressure and a bad heart for several years. He worked as an engineer on the I.C. Railroad for many years, and my brother, Homer, knew him quite well and always spoke very highly of him. Henry m. Pauline Bauersach on May 18, 1910, and they had one son, Robert Charles, b. July 8, 1918, and d. in March, 1925, of spinal and cerebral meningitis. They are all buried in the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Belleville, Il. Pauline d. Sept. 13, 1976.

Josephine Margaret Dintelman, a daughter of Charles C. and Frederika, was b. Feb. 28, 1888. On Aug. 16, 1905, she m. Fred Gossman, who was the son of William and Marie, nee Schmelzel, Gossman, and who was b. Oct. 26, 1882. Josephine and Fred had seven children, namely: Vera Marie, b. Nov. 5, 1906; William Charles, b. May 20, 1909; Earl Martin, b. Oct. 24, 1910; Geraldine Bertha, b. Mar. 2, 1912; Edna Augusta, b. April 20, 1914; Fred John Jr., b. May 23, 1917; and Bessie Madge, b. Mar. 20, 1924. Bessie did not live beyond the first day. All were b. near Pinkneyville, Il., in so far as I know. Fred, Sr. d. Dec. 28, 1955, from a heart attack. Josie, as she was affectionately called, d. in a nursing home in DuQuoin, Il., on Dec. 23, 1971. They are both buried in the Pinkneyville, Il., City Cemetery. Fred was a coal miner all his life. I do not have all the details of Josephine's and Fred's family, but I shall give what I have, most of which I got from Mrs. Wm. Gossman who lives in Pinkneyville, Il., and whose husband is a son of Josephine and Fred.

Vera Marie Gossman, a daughter of Fred and Josephine, m. Oscar Frederick Linze July 30, 1924, and they had four children. Loren Walter was b. Nov. 23, 1925, and d. the same day. Norma Geraldine was b. Sept. 28, 1926. She m. Charles William Kroener Oct. 18, 1956, and they have three children, namely: Debra Diane, b. Dec. 13, 1959; Rita Fay, b. Jan. 26, 1962; and Linda Sue, b. Jan. 12. 1967. Oscar Linze, Jr. was b. Mar. 21, 1928. He m. Stephanie Farley Oct. 4. 1956, and they have three children, namely: Michael Steven, b. Aug. 15, 1958; Gary John, b. June 9, 1961; and David James, b. June 18, 1963. Lana Irene, b. Jan. 1, 1953, is adopted. She m. Richard Len Miller in Sept., 1969. They have four children, as follows: Richard Len, Jr., b. June 1, 1970; Rachael Marie, b. May 6, 1971; Rebecca Miriam, b. Sept. 8, 1973; and Robert Essex, b. Nov. 20, 1974. Lana Irene is also a grand-daughter and is now divorced.

William Charles Gossman, a son of Josephine and Fred, m. Cleora Marjorie Place at Benton, Il., Oct. 29, 1929. They have two children, namely: Wardena Mae, b. June 19, 1932; and Ronald Dale, b. Dec. 24, 1937. Wardena Mae, a daughter of William and Cleoria, m. William Robert Weatherford in Blytheville, Ark., Nov. 20, 1949. They had twin sons, b. Sept. 9, 1950, Wendall Joe and William Robert. Wardena and William Weatherford were divorced Nov. 5, 1960, and she m. James Emette Howe, III, Dec. 2, 1961, in South Bend, Ind. He was b. Aug. 16, 1935. They have two daughters, Jadeana Kay, b. Dec. 24, 1962, and Tonya Joe, b. Oct 29, 1966. On July 14, 1977, Wardena and James Howe were divorced and she m. Robert Franklin Campbell Oct. 11, 1977. He was b. June 26, 1922, in Nashville, Tenn. Wendall Weatherford, a son of Wardena and William Weatherford, m. Karen Burris, and they have two children, Brent, b. July 20, 1970, and Amanda Jo, b. June 27, 1974. William, the other son of Wardena and Wm. Weatherford, m. Vickey La Mondire, and they have two sons, Robert, b. June 3, 1976, and Ryan Joseph, b. in Sept., 1977. Ronald Dale Gossman, a son of William and Cleoria, m. Christel Elizabeth Sommers in Marion, Il., about 1955. She was b. in Rehoff, Germany. They have three children, namely: Ronald Dale, Jr., b. Nov. 26, 1956; James Joseph, b. Aug. 19, 1959; and William Gene, b. Mar. 15, 1961. William and Cleoria were divorced in 1943, and William m. Gladys O. Baggett in Perryville, Mo., Sept. 16, 1943. They adopted a boy, William Gene, in Dec., 1966. He is also a grandson.

Earl Martin Gossman, a son of Josephine and Fred, m. Luella Eldridge Nov. 29, 1929. They had two children, Mervin, b. Jan. 29, about 1930, and Mary, b. June 28, about 1932. Louella d. Sept. 1, 1960. Earl later m. Doris Stickles in 1967.

Geraldine Bertha Gossman, a daughter of Josephine and Fred, m. Hubert L. Erwin Sept. 2, 1929. They have two children: Barbara Kathleen, b. Oct. 29, 1931, and Jo Ellen, b. Dec. 7, 1946. Barbara m. Michael T. Sone in 1965. They have two children, Kathleen, b. April 28, 1969, and James, b. Feb. 20, 1970. Jo Ellen lives in California.

Edna Augusta Gossman, a daughter of Josephine and Fred, m. Everette Rice July 14, 1932. Their daughter, Linda Mae, was b. Oct. 6, 1937. She m. Richard Hester, and they had one son, Douglas, who is in the U.S. Army and living in Texas. Linda later m. Dr. Clarence E. Cawvey. They live in Pinkneyville. Edna d. Feb. 13, 1967.

Fred John, Jr., another son of Josephine and Fred Gossman, m. Mary Louise Varnum in 1943. They have a son, Fred John, III, b. in Dec., 1943. Fred John, III is married, and he and his wife have two children, Johnnie Dwayne, b. Aug. 28, 1963, and Eric Vaughn, b. May 25, 1971. Fred John, Jr. d. in a Nashville, Il. nursing home Aug. 26, 1968.

Charles Dintelman, fourth child of Charles and Frederika, was b. July 30, 1893, near Pinkneyville, Il., and d. Nov. 20, 1964, of heart failure, in Coral Gables, Fla., where he had gone to live after retirement from 50 years as president of the Murphy-Wall Bank in Pinkneyville, Il. In Dec., 1922, he m. Lillian Ogden, who was b. in 1900. He was a veteran of W.W. I, and he was serving in France at the time of his mother's death. He and Lillian did not have any children. After his death in 1964, Lillian remarried. She d. Feb. 5, 1979, at Pinkneyville, Il., and is buried there.

Kathryn Anna, known as Katie, and a daughter of Charles and Frederika, was b. April 15, 1897. On Nov. 1, 1915, she m. John E. Hiller, a pharmacist, in Jonesboro, Il. They ran a drug store in Virginia, Il., for many years. John was b. Jan. 6, 1892, and d. April 29, 1934. John and Katie had one son, James Edward, b. July 13, 1921, and d. Aug. 29, 1971, following heart surgery. James Edward was a graduate of Baylor Dental College of Dallas, Texas, and he served in the U.S. Navy in W.W. II. On July 10, 1946, he m. Thelma Deumler, who was b. July 23, 1918. They had four children. Tracy was b. July 15, 1947, and was married Aug. 28, 1976, to Larry M. Klein. They have no children. They live in San Antonio, Texas. Brooks was b. Oct. 21, 1949, and on May 22, 1971, he m. Adela Barnes, daughter of Richard and Heddy Barnes. Both are graduates of the University of Texas at Austin, Texas. They have one son, Joshua Brooks, b. Jan. 25, 1978. Brooks is president of the South East Savings and Loan Association of Dayton, Texas, near Houston. Joshua, a son of James and Thelma, was b. Oct. 16, 1953, and he d. Nov. 23, 1968, after an accident with a gun. Kathryn DeMuth, a daughter of James and Thelma, was b. April 6, 1955, and m. Dan King on April 17, 1972. Dan is 2nd. class petty officer in the U.S. Navy, and he was b. April 21, 1948. They are the parents of a boy, James Adam, b. Dec. 27, 1974, and they are living in Beeville, Texas. James and Thelma Hiller were divorced about 1957, and James was remarried on Dec. 10, 1960, to Marianne Goldy. They had a daughter, Fiona Amanda, b. Sept. 16, 1962. She is in school and lives with her mother in San Antonio, Texas. Katie Hiller, after John Hiller had died, joined the WAC's Feb. 6, 1943, and she stayed in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years. She is now retired as a Master Sergeant and lives in San Antonio, Texas. John was buried at Pickneyville.

Laura Marie Dintelman, another daughter of Charles and Frederika, was b. May 19, 1898. She m. Dr. Joseph Thole, a dentist, on Dec. 25, 1924, in St. Louis, Mo. Dr. Thole d. Dec. 11, 1974, suddenly. He was b. Mar. 26, 1892. They had two daughters, Mary Anne, b. Oct. 31, 1925, and Jane Louise, b. Nov. 14, 1928. Neither married. Mary Anne has a civil service job, and Jane Louise is secretary to the vice-president of a bank in Clayton, Mo. Laura, who worked for many years for A.T. & T. Co., retired in 1963, and she is now living in St. Louis, Mo.

My grandfather, Henry Dintelmann, bought land in Wash. Co. near Elkton, Il., in 1860. The first date of record found in Grantee Bk. No. 2, p. 53, in the records of Wash. Co. in the court house at Nashville, Il., is Dec. 8, 1860. The records show that shortly thereafter, his brother, Georg Dintelmann, also bought land nearby. So, presumably, my grandfather and his brother, Georg, had decided to leave the wagon-making firm in Belleville, Il., and live on a farm in Wash. Co. I can remember my mother saying that their wives were glad to get them away from Belleville and out of the saloons there. Although Robert was b. in Belleville, Il., his parents were already living in Washington County, Il., and all the rest of the Dintelmann children were b. while their parents were living on the farm in Wash. Co., Il.

ROBERT DINTELMAN, a son of Henry and Margarith Heusel Dintelmann, was a nice looking, large man. He was about six feet and four inches tall, which was very unusual for that day. He was b. Feb 1, 1862, in Belleville, Il. He d. Oct. 13, 1932, also in Belleville, Il., although he had been living near Nashville, Il. He is buried in St. Paul's Cemetery, Nashville, Il. He farmed most of his life on land he owned near Nashville, Il. On Oct. 26, 1892, he m. Emma Mann at Belleville, Il., at the home of his sister, Anna Meyer. Emma was the daughter of David and Barbara, nee Renth, Mann and was b. March 10, 1869, on a farm east of Mascoutah, Il. She d. June 4, 1942, and is buried beside her husband. Robert and Emma had eight children, as follows: Ella, Anna, Catherine, Edna, Allen, Sylvia, Rolla Robert, and Martha.

Ella Dintelman was b. Aug. 19, 1893, on the farm in Pilot Knob Twnsp. in Wash. Co., Il., near the little town of Cordes. She m. first Alvin Rinehardt, her cousin, in St. Louis, Mo., June 29, 1918. They have a daughter, Marjorie, b. Jan. 20, 1920, in St. Louis, Mo. Marjorie m. Weldon Heineke in 1938, at Belleville, Il. They have three daughters, as follows: Arlene, Colleen, and Betty. All three daughters are married and have children. Arlene was b. Aug. 30, 1939. She m. Donald Glazer Jan. 31, 1959. Colleen was b. Feb. 7, 1943, and m. Charles Johnson Mar. 31, 1962. Betty was b. Dec. 18, 1945, and m. Paul Bauer Jan. 21, 1967. Alvin Rinehardt died, and I presume he is buried in St. Louis, Mo. Ella m. next Henry Schleuter Oct. 26, 1926. He was b. Jan. 20, 1877, and d. in Mar., 1950, at Belleville, Il. He is buried in Valhalla Cemetery, Belleville, Il. He and Ella had no children. They lived for many years in Belleville, Il., where Ella ran a convalescent home. Ella's last husband is Roy Driver, and they were m. Jan. 12, 1965, in Belleville, Il. Roy is presently in a nursing home in Nashville, Il., and Ella is living with her daughter, Marjorie, and her husband, east of Nashville, Il.

Anna Dintelman was b. Aug. 20, 1894, on the farm in Pilot Knob Twnsp., Washington Co., Il. She m. Jacob May, and they had no children. She d. Oct. 13, 1969, at Nashville, Il., and she and Jacob are both buried in St. Paul's Cemetery there. They were m. about 1931, and Jacob d. in June, 1946.

Catherine Dintelman was b. Dec. 22, 1896, on the farm in Pilot Knob Twnsp., Washington County, Il. She d. in Belleville, Il., Dec. 11, 1974. On March 15, 1917, she m. Herman May in Belleville, Il., at the home of her aunt, Anna Dintelman Meyer. Herman May was b. Nov. 28, 1895, at Nashville, Il. He d. in June, 1967, in Belleville, Il. He and Katie had two children, Esther and Floyd. Esther was b. July 5, 1919, in Belleville, Il. She m. Lloyd Breeding July 31, 1948. He was b. Nov. 9, 1916. They have no children and are presently living at Cahokia, Il. Floyd was b. July 18, 1930, in Belleville, Il., and he d. Oct. 28, 1971. In Nov., 1948, he m. Mary Mertz, and they have five children, as follows: Dianne, Linda, Terry, Mary Catherine, and Robert Herman. Dianne, b. Feb. 4, 1948, m. Gary Kelso, and they have two children, Christine, b. July 12, 1968, and Kimberly, b. May 10, 1970. They are living in Belleville, Il. Linda was b. June 24, 1950, and is m. to Dennis Groetken. They have a son, Ryan James, b. Jan. 31, 1978, and are living in California. Terry was b. July 30, 1951, and is living with his mother at 105 Anna Street, Belleville, Il. His mother is re-married to Robert Flake. Mary Catherine was b. Nov. 1, 1953, and is m. to Glenn Moore. Robert Herman was b. Dec. 12, 1954, and is living with his mother in Belleville, Il.

Edna Dintelman was b. Dec. 10, 1900, in Wash. Co., Il., in Beaucoup Twnsp, near Nashville, Il. On Feb. 22, 1944, she m. Rudolph Moeller in Kentucky. They have no children.

Allen Dintelman was b. Aug. 11, 1902, in Wash. Co., Il. He took over the family farm in 1942, after his mother had died, and for several years, he and his sister, Edna, ran the farm together until Edna married Rudolph Moeller in 1944. Allen was m. in Arkansas to Emma Reuhl in Sept., 1952. They had a son, Timothy, b. April 26, 1953. Tim is retarded and is living at a nursing home in Centralia, Il. Allen was divorced in 1953. He d. Oct. 12, 1974, and is buried in St. Paul's Cemetery, Nashville, Il. He had cancer.

Sylvia Dintelman was b. Mar. 21, 1904, on the farm near Nashville, Il. She was m. to Otto E. Tucker of Dexter, Mo., Mar. 3, 1924, at St. Charles, Mo. They were divorced in July of 1932, and had no children. Sylvia was m. next to Robert H. Blackburn Mar. 21, 1935, in Chicago, Il. Robert was the son of Thomas and Mabel, nee Willis, Blackburn and was b. Jan. 2, 1896, at Prairie Grove, Ark. He d. April 12, 1978, in Nashville, Il., and is buried in the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in Mo. He was a veteran of W.W. I. He and Sylvia had no children. Sylvia is living on the small farm south of Nashville, Il., where she and Robert had lived since his retirement. He had been a boilermaker in the construction industry. Sylvia now has diabetes and says that her brother, Allen, told her that Grandfather Henry Dintelmann had it and that it contributed to his death, although his death certificate makes no mention of it, saying only that he died of heart failure. The death certificate does not mention either that he had fallen from a horse, had a broken leg, and had pneumonia. I do know that several in the Dintelman family have been diabetic. Uncle Pete's daughter, Clara, probably died from its effects, as did her daughter, Margaret. Our family, apparently, has escaped.

Rolla Robert Dintelman was b. Feb. 21, 1906, in Wash. Co., Il., and d. in infancy Feb. 14, 1907.

Martha Dintelman was b. Oct 12, 1911, on the farm near Nashville, Il. On July 19, 1933, she m. Leonard J. Richards at Carlyle, Il. He was the son of Clifford and Leola, nee Merker, Richards, and was b. Jan. 8, 1908, in Wash. Co., Il. He d. May 4, 1978, at Nashville, Il., and is buried there. Martha and Leonard had three children, as follows: James Allen, b. Aug. 27, 1937; Carol Marie, b. Dec. 26, 1942; and Lola Louise, b. Nov. 5, 1944, all at Nashville, Il. James Allen m. Lorraine Jones, daughter of LeRoy and Mary, nee Schmidt, Jones, Dec. 29, 1956, at Hoyleton, Il. James and Lorraine have three children, as follows: Gina, b. Feb. 23, 1958, in Centralia, Il.; Jeffrey, b. June 16, 1959, in Evansville, Ind.; and Julie, b. Dec. 31, 1962, in Roanoak, Va. Carol m. Dennis Sprehe Oct. 26, 1963, at Nashville, Il. They have one daughter, Lisa, b. Jan. 3, 1969, in East St. Louis, Il. Lola Louise m. Richard Schroer May 27, 1967, at Carlyle, Il. They have a son, Jason, b. Mar. 6, 1978, in Centralia, Il. Martha is now living in Nashville, Il.

PETER PHILIP DINTELMAN, a son of Henry and Margarith Heusel Dintelmann, was b. Mar. 28, 1863, on the Dintelmann farm on what was then known as Nashville Prairie, near the present village of Elkton, Il., in Washington County. He d. while chopping wood near his farm east of Nashville, Il., of what in those days was called an apoplectic stroke. He d. on Jan. 13, 1935, and was 71 years of age.. He had experienced recent dizzy spells and had "heart trouble" for a year or more prior to his death. On Sept. 11, 1888, he m. Elizabeth Weber, who was b. Dec. 26, 1863, and d. Mar. 9, 1948. They are both buried in the Evangelical Cemetery in Nashville, Il. They had ten children, and at his death, Peter and Elizabeth had five children surviving, as follows: Clara, Ethel, Albert, Harvey, and Viola. I have records only of the children who lived. Peter Dintelman was a cordial, friendly man, well known and well liked by his many friends. He was short and heavily built.

Clara Dintelman, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Dintelman, was b. Jan. 6, 1893, in Wash. Co., Il. On Sept. 13, 1914, she m. Theodore Kemena, b. Dec. 31, 1888, and d. Dec. 25, 1931. Clara d. July 31, 1947, of circulatory problems probably complicated by diabetes. She and Theodore are both buried in the Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery, Nashville, Il. She d. of a heart attack while visiting her daughter, Helen, at DuBois, Il. She and Theodore had three daughters, Margaret, Helen, and Henrietta. Margaret was b. June 27, 1915, in Wash. Co., Il. She m. Leo Witt Oct. 18, 1937, at Okawville, Il. Leo is the son of Casmir and Mary, nee Kobus, Witt, and he was b. Oct. 6, 1911, at Tamaroa, Il. Margaret d. Nov. 11, 1976, at home in Nashville, Il., and is buried in St. Paul's Cemetery, Nashville, Il. She d. of a heart condition, probably complicated by diabetes. Leo has worked for many years in Nashville, Il., for the Kroger Co. but retired early to care for his wife. They have one daughter, Karen Sue, b. April 25, 1938, at Nashville, Il. On Nov. 26, 1960, she m. Harold Martens at Nashville, Il. He was b. Dec. 24, 1933, at Venedy, Il. They have three children, all born at Nashville, Il., as follows: Lisa Kay, b. Oct 16, 1962, Daren Lee, b. June 23, 1967, and Wayne Allen, b. May 12, 1970. Helen, the second of Clara's and Theodore's daughters, was b. Feb. 18, 1919, in Nashville, Il. On June 12, 1944, she m. Joseph Wisniewski of DuBois, Il. They have no children. Joe was b. Dec. 17, 1910, and d. Nov. 27, 1965. He was the son of Michael and Lottie, nee Rulevish, Wisniewski and was buried in the St. Charles Cemetery at DuBois, Il. Joe worked at several taverns in and around Dubois, Il. Helen, at the present time, runs a restaurant in Nashville, Il. Henrietta, the third daughter of Clara and Theodore, was b. Sept. 5, 1924, in Nashville, Il. On June 26, 1941, she m. Orval Mahaney, son of James and Ruth Mahaney, in Missouri. They are now living in Saugus, Calif. and have one daughter, Sharon Ann. b. Dec. 30, 1942, in Olney, Il. On June 16, 1962, Sharen Ann m. George Dyer of Calif. George is the son of J. W. Dyer of Calif. and Mrs. J. C. Craig of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Mahaneys also have four sons, all born in Calif., as follows: Steven, b. Aug. 7, 1964; Mark, b. Dec. 2, 1966; Paul, b. May 18, 1970; and Randy, b. June 14, 1971.

Ethel Dintelman, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth, was b. June 10, 1894, in Elkton, Twnsp., near Oakdale, Il. She d. in her home in Nashville, Il., Sept. 17, 1955, and she is buried in the Evangelical Cemetery there. She m. Gus Keller Feb. 23, 1919. Gus was b. Aug. 3, 1895, in St. Louis, Mo. He d. in a nursing home in Okawville, Il., and he is buried in the Evangelical Cemetery in Nashville, Il. Ethel and Gus had two sons and two daughters. Homer, the eldest son, was b. Oct 6, 1919, in Nashville, Il. He m. Coralian McCoy, and they have five children and live in Nashville, Il. I am sorry that I do not have any more particulars about their family. Oliver Keller, the other son, also lives in

Nashville, Il., and he is m. to Joyce Hass. He was b. Oct 24, 1920, in Nashville, Il. They have two children, a girl, Jenny, who m. Bob Grzegorak and lives near Champaign, Il., and a boy, Rick, who is also married and works with his father in an auto body shop in Nashville, Il. I am sorry that I am unable to get any further particulars about them. Dee Ina Keller, a daughter of Ethel and Gus, was b. Mar. 21, 1922, in Nashville, Il., and she m. Floyd R. Hall about 1944. He was b. Aug. 24, 1920, and was killed in a train wreck Nov. 20, 1968, while they were living in South Haven, Mich. He was working for the railroad at the time of his death. Dee Ina is now remarried to a man whose last name is, I think, Stam. Leona Keller, the other daughter of Ethel and Gus, was b. July 29, 1924, in Nashville, Il. She m. James Smith about 1945. They are divorced and have no children. Leona now lives in Nashville, Il.

Albert Dintelman, a son of Peter and Elizabeth, was b. Aug. 16, 1896, on the farm in Wash. Co., Il. He d. Aug. 12, 1975, at Sparta, Il., and is buried in the Evangelical Cemetery, Nashville, Il. He m. Marie Greer Nov. 15, 1922, in St. Louis, Mo. She was a daughter of John and Hattie, nee Spencer, Greer of DuBois, Il. Marie was b. Jan. 4, 1901. She was a vivacious and very nice looking young woman with rich auburn colored hair and a fair complexion. Their first farm was near where we lived not far from Marissa, Il. My father helped Albert start farming. They had three children, namely: Kenneth, Alberta, and Benjamin. Marie d. Jan. 11, 1972, and is buried in the Evangelical Cemetery, Nashville, Il., beside her husband.

Kenneth Dintelman, the oldest child of Albert and Marie, was b. Nov. 17, 1923. He is a veteran of W.W. II. On Dec. 24, 1947, he m. Dorothy McClay, daughter of Oscar and Sadie, nee Wilson, McClay. They are now living in DuQuoin, Il., and Kenneth works in Carbondale, Il., for the I.C. Railroad. Kenneth's and Dorothy's daughter, Carolyn, was b. Dec. 23, 1950. She is a 1972 graduate of Eastern Il. University of Charleston, Il., and teaches at Dongola, Il. On Aug. 19, 1972, she m. Lawrence Schramka, son of Edwin and Jenny, nee Lininski, Schramka, at DuQuoin, Il. Lawrence was b. Aug. 11, 1949, in Chicago, Il. He is also a 1972 graduate of Eastern Il. University and also has a Master's degree from Southeast Missouri University of Cape Girardeau, Mo. He teaches in the Jr. High School at Jonesboro, Il., and he and Carolyn live in Anna, Il. They have a son, Ryan David, b. Aug. 11, 1977, at Anna, Il. Kenneth and Dorothy also have a son, Paul, b. Oct. 27, 1953. On July 1, 1977, Paul m. Renee Bullock, daughter of Clifford and Ann Bullock. They have a son, Jeremy Paul, b. Nov. 13, 1979, at DuQuoin, Il. Paul is an electrician and works for a coal company.

Albert and Marie also had a daughter, Alberta, b. Oct. 3, 1925, in Marissa Twnsp., Il. She m. Earl George Hammond about 1945. He was b. Sept. 27, 1923. Alberta and Earl had twin girls, Marilyn Ann and Carolyn Ann, b. Nov. 6, 1946. One of the twins, Carolyn Ann, died, but I do not have the date. Marilyn Ann m. James Robert Terhune, Jr., Nov. 14, 1964. Albert and Earl also had a son, Earl Dean, b. Nov. 3, 1947. He m. Margaret Ann Crawford, who was b. June 29, 1947, in Michigan. Alberta and Earl Hammond were divorced and Alberta m. Roy Pierce Dec. 29, 1964. Roy was b. April 21, 1915. They lived in Indianapolis, Ind., where Alberta still lives. Roy d. Dec. 20, 1979, in Indianapolis, and he is buried in Beech Grove, which is near Indianapolis, Ind.

Albert and Marie had another son, Benjamin, called "Bennie", who was b. Feb. 1, 1928, near Marissa, Il. On Oct. 24, 1948, he m. Eloise Hill, daughter of Walter and Vera N. Hill. Eloise was b. Jan. 23, 1929. She and Bennie have four children, as follows: Charles David, b. Sept. 11, 1949; Robert F., b. Oct. 7, 1952; Richard, b. July 13, 1955; and Jon, b. Dec. 9, 1969. Charles David was m. June 20, 1970, to Sharon Eisenhour, and Richard was m. on April 23, 1978, to Lea Caupert. Bennie and his family live at Steelville, Il.

Harvey Dintelman, another son of Peter and Elizabeth Weber Dintelman, was b. on the Peter Dintelman farm, near Oakdale, Il., on June 25, 1901. He d. May 13, 1971, in Fulton, Mo. About 1922, he m. Mildred Rather, who was b. Feb. 4, 1905, in Nashville, Il. She d. there Mar. 6, 1972. Harvey and Mildred had two children, as follows: Dorothy, b. Nov. 16, 1923, in Nashville, Il.; and Wesley (called Buddy), b. Oct. 26, 1925, at Nashville, Il. Mildred and Harvey were divorced about 1943, and Mildred m. a man whose last name was Kaser. Harvey was also m. again and lived for a time in Mo. I have none of the particulars. Dorothy m. Leonard Keil on Dec. 28, 1941. Leonard was b. Sept. 20, 1920, and is a registered pharmacist. He and Dorothy run a drugstore in Red Bud, Il. They have two daughters, as follows: Pamela Elizabeth, b. Feb. 1, 1946; and Peggy Ann, b. Oct. 16, 1957. One son, Gregory Leonard, was b. Oct 7, 1952. He is attending pharmacy school. Pamela is a pharmacist. She m. Larry Ehlers on Oct. 23, 1970. Larry was b. Dec. 9, 1945, and is a graduate of Southern Il. University where he is working also for a Master's degree. Peggy m. Dennis Michael Rohmer and is a student at St. Louis School of Pharmacy in St. Louis, Mo. Wesley Dintelman, a son of Mildred and Harvey, m. Dolores Sauer on Mar. 22, 1947, at Venedy, Il. Dolores is the daughter of Ben and Hilda Sauer, nee Brock, and she was b. Mar 1, 1930, at Venedy, Il. They have two children, as follows: Jeffrey, b. Dec. 24, 1957, in St. Louis, Mo.; and Kendra, b. April 9, 1962, in St. Louis, Mo. Wesley and his family are living in St. Louis, Mo.

Viola Irene Dintelman, the youngest daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Dintelman, was b. April 5, 1904, in Wash. Co., Il. She d. Mar. 20, 1970, at Nashville, Il., and is buried in St. Paul's Cemetery there. On June 15, 1927, she m. Arthur "Andy" Miller, who was b. Oct. 11, 1901, in Perry Co., Il., and is also buried in the Evangelical Cemetery, which is the same as St. Paul's, in Nashville, Il. He was the son of Fred and Wilhelmina, nee Koenigstein, Miller, and he d. Nov. 9, 1979. Arthur Dale Miller, a son of Arthur and Viola, was b. April 12, 1928. He m. Audrey Eleanor Wisniewski April 2, 1960. Audrey is the daughter of Stanley and Isabelle, nee Zgonira, Wisniewski, and she was b. Nov. 20, 1934. Dale adopted her two sons from a previous marriage. They are as follows: Robert Gordon (Jones). b. Sept. 8, 1955; and Ronald Gregory (Jones), b. Dec. 6, 1956. A daughter, Kimberly Ann, was b. Dec. 23, 1960. Viola Laverne Miller, a daughter of Viola and Arthur, was b. at Nashville, Il., Sept. 2, 1929. She m. William Newton Creel Feb. 16, 1951, at DuBois, Il. William was b. Feb. 22, 1927, at Ashley, Il., the son of William Howard and Mary Jeanette, nee Smith, Creel. They have two sons, as follows: Scott Newton, b. July 31, 1956, at Mt. Vernon, Il.; and Douglas William, b. June 6, 1960, at Mt. Vernon, Il. The Creels are living in Mt. Vernon, Il.

ELIZABETH DINTELMAN, a daughter of Henry and Margarith Heusel Dintelmann, was b. Aug. 18, 1865, on the farm in Wash. Co., Il. She d. in Mar. of 1912, and is buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Belleville, Il. In 1885 or '86, she m. Frank Barton in Belleville, Il. Frank was b. in 1855, and d. in Belleville, Il. on May 5, 1910. He is buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Belleville, Il. Frank Barton was the son of Thomas H. and Margaret, nee Hope, Barton, who both came by boat from Delaware and settled first in St. Louis, Mo. Frank's daughter, Annis, says that the boat trip was so strenuous that he was born in a hotel room the same day they arrived in St. Louis, Mo. Frank later came to Belleville, Il., where he was a horseshoer and was a partner in the firm of Barton and Schwind, Horseshoers. Elizabeth worked for a time as a waitress before her marriage. Elizabeth and Frank had five children, as follows: Kirtland C., b. in 1888, and d. in 1945; Myrtle, b. Oct 7, 1890, and d. May 7, 1903, reportedly of typhoid fever; Frank J., b. in 1892, and still living; Roscoe C., b. Dec. 21, 1895, and d. Oct. 14, 1964; and Annis, b. July 3, 1898, and still living in Collinsville, Il. All the Barton children were b. in Belleville, Il. Their parents and all who have died are buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Belleville, Il. All the Barton boys married, but I do not have the names of their wives or the dates they were married. They did not have any children.

Annis, a daughter of Frank and Elizabeth, m. Frank Heflin on Feb. 14, 1920, in Clayton, Mo. A son, Barton, was b. Jan. 20, 1921, in East St. Louis, Il. Annis and Frank Heflin were divorced in 1923, and Annis worked for many years for a railroad as a secretary. In May, 1944, she m. Joseph Gill Smith, who was b. April 9, 1895, and d. Mar. 8, 1956. He worked for the stockyards at East St. Louis, Il. Annis's son, Barton Heflin, m. Elizabeth Haynes Oct. 5, 1946, in Savannah, Ga. Her father was Thomas Haynes, and she was b. Jan. 25, 1921, in Savannah, Ga. I do not know her mother's maiden name. Barton Heflin is manager of an asphalt company near Tampa, Fla., and they live near there. They have four children, as follows: Thomas Haynes, b. Nov. 26, 1947; Michael, b. Sept. 1, 1951; James Haynes and Barton Kirtland, twins, b. Nov. 11, 1956. The years given for birthdays may be off a little, but I believe the months and days given are accurate. I have this information from Annis.

HENRY DINTELMAN, my father, was b. on the farm near Elkton, Il., on Jan. 2, 1866. He. d. in St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, Il., on Aug. 31, 1924, of uremia, following a prostate operation and is buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Belleville, Il. He was m. May 9, 1897, in Nashville, Il., to Marietta Halbert, my mother, and daughter of Joseph[5] A. and Martha Eliza McFeron Halbert. My mother and father had six children, as follows: Homer Ray, Henry Leslie (called Leslie), Mary Pearl (called Mayme), Hazel Irene, Robert, and Charles Joseph.

Marietta Halbert, my mother, was b. on the Halbert farm south of Nashville, Il., on Nov. 15, 1875. She d. when nearly 90 years of age, after a long illness, on May 14, 1964, in Belleville, Il. She is buried beside her husband, Henry, in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Belleville, Il. She lived for many years at 218 North High Street in Belleville, Il., and was known as Etta or "Ettie" to her many friends and relatives. Having developed leukemia, which was controlled for several years by chemotherapy, she was nursed during her long illness by her daughter, Mary, who was a registered nurse, and by her other daughter, Hazel. I shall always believe that her leukemia was brought on by earlier radium treatments she had before they knew how dangerous such treatment could be. My mother was a very intelligent woman. She loved poetry and good literature and had memorized a great deal of poetry which she loved to quote, especially from Sir Walter Scott, Tennyson, William Cullen Bryant, and others. Never happier than when surrounded by her grandchildren or great-grandchildren, she was a favorite person with all of them. She was largely self-taught, and could play any simple music on the organ or piano. She especially liked hymns and children's songs and delighted in having her grandchildren and later her great-grandchildren gathered about her as she played. She would play and sing with them by the hour, apparently never tire, and greatly enjoy every minute of it. I knew my mother quite well, for I lived at home alone with her for many years, and, while she could be petty at times, I don't believe she was capable of duplicity. Like most Halberts I have known, my mother was a procrastinator, but she had a good mind, and when the occasion demanded it, she could act in a decisive and well-considered manner. Her mind remained quite clear until just a few hours before her death.

My father, Henry Dintelman, was a farmer all his life, having lived first on a farm near Nashville, Il., then on a farm east of New Athens, Il., known as the Huggins Place. The house on the Huggins Place must have been near where John[4] Halbert built his log cabin back in 1838. We moved from there, however, when I was quite young, and I have no recollection of the place, nor can I remember my mother ever speaking of it. Henry and Etta moved next to a farm closer to the Kaskaskia River but farther from New Athens, Il., known as the Pannier Place. It was here that my father first became seriously interested in Arkansas land. I was too young, at the time, to remember the details, but he was swindled out of all he had in a sharp land deal. He tried desperately to salvage his investment and made several trips back and forth, but he lost all he had, eventually. He had inherited several thousands of dollars from the sale of his father's holdings and had accumulated several thousands of his own. I am unsure of the exact amount, but I believe it was around five or six thousand dollars, not an inconsiderable sum in those days. (about 1914-'17 and before America's entry into W.W. I.)

The last place they farmed was west of Marissa, Il., about two miles west of town and near the West Dozaw School. Here my father lived until his death in 1924. He was a good farmer and a good man, but he lived and farmed all his life on very poor soil, first on the light soil of Washington County, Il., and then on the clay of southern St. Clair County, Il. He was honest and hard-working and respected by all his neighbors, who elected him a school director in several

communities where he lived. Ours was a true, family farm, an all-purpose general farm. We raised chickens and had plenty of eggs and chicken to eat. We kept cows and had plenty of milk and butter and buttermilk and cottage cheese. I can't remember ever being hungry, although there were times, I'm sure, when money must have been very scarce. We had a smoke-house and cured our own hams, sides of bacon, sausages, etc. I sometimes think of those days when buying food in the supermarket today. Ice cream, buttermilk, and cottage cheese, today, are chemical concoctions, and any resemblance to the real thing is purely coincidental.

Shortly after my father's death in 1924, my older brother, Leslie, who had been out West, came home and took over the farm. My mother sold out in 1925, and moved to Marissa, Il., where I was graduated from high school in 1928. She later bought a home in Belleville, Il., and she lived there at 218 North High Street until her death in 1964.

Homer Ray, the oldest child of Henry and Marietta Halbert Dintelman, was b. July 11, 1898, in Wash. Co., Il. He always wanted to be a railroader, and when he was about 17 he ran away from home, raised his age and got a job as a fireman with the Illinois Central Railroad. He later became an engineer with the I. C., and, as far as I know, he was always happy with his work and never wanted to do anything else. He m. Ruby Green on Aug. 17, 1923, in Marissa, Il. She was the daughter of Joseph and Susan, nee Gaddis, Green, and was b. June 2, 1901, at Marissa, Il. They lived in East St. Louis, Belleville, Benton, and Marissa, all in Il. Homer had several strokes which left him a semi-invalid and caused his early retirement. He. d. in Marissa, Il., sitting in his living room watching television, Oct. 2, 1959. He is buried in Valhalla Cemetery, Belleville, Il. Ruby lived on in Marissa, Il., until her death from cancer in a Red Bud, Il., hospital, Dec. 22, 1972. She is buried in Valhalla Cemetery, Belleville, Il., beside her husband. Ruby was a highly intelligent woman and enjoyed all kinds of games and puzzles. She did all sorts of handiwork with great skill, and she was a helpful and pleasant person.

Homer and Ruby had one daughter, Mary, b. Mar. 11, 1924, in East St. Louis, Il. Mary earned a nursing degree in St. Louis, Mo., and after working for several hospitals in Mo, and Il., she went to the state of Washington where she had a close friend. There she met and m. Laurence Lazzari April 3, 1948. Laurence is the son of Louis and Virginia Lazzari, and was b. Aug. 27, 1924. He is an excellent woodsman and an experienced mountaineer. He is now working in an airplane plant near their home in Mt. Vernon, Wash. Mary and Larry have two children, Michael Joseph, b. Mar. 30, 1949, and Mary Theresa, b. Aug. 1, 1951, both in Cedro Wooly, Wash. They then adopted Anthony Louis, b. Apr. 30, 1956; Laura Ann, b. Jan. 5, 1957; Matthew John, b. June 12, 1959; and Thomas Paul, b. May 8, 1961, all born in Seattle, Wash. Michael has traveled widely, especially in South America. He is unmarried and, at present, is living and working on an island near Mt. Vernon, Wash. Mary Theresa m. Richard Wilson Dec. 1, 1973, in Mt. Vernon, Wash. Richard was b. Apr. 7, 1951. They lived for a time in Anchorage, Alaska, where their daughter, Melani Larisa, was b. Apr. 10, 1977. They now live near Mt. Vernon, Wash. On Sept. 21, 1974, Anthony Louis m. Diane Belisle in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They have one son, Cory Joseph, b. Aug. 12, 1976, in Champaign, Il. Tony is in the Air Force and was stationed for a time at Rantoul, Il. At present they are in one of the Carolinas. Laura m. Dee Inman Jan. 14, 1976, in Mt. Vernon, Wash. They have a son, Robert Lee, b. Aug. 12, 1975, in Tacoma, Wash. They were divorced Nov. 28, 1977, and Laura is working near Mt. Vernon, Wash. Matt and Tom are still unmarried and live in Mt. Vernon, Wash.

Mary Pearl Dintelman, called Mayme by her family, and the next child of Henry and Marietta Halbert Dintelman, was b. July 25, 1899, on the farm in Wash. Co., near Nashville, Il. Before she finished high school, she left home to work in St. Louis, Mo., in order to earn money with which to enter nurse's training. She studied in several hospitals and eventually became a registered nurse after graduating from West End Hospital in Chicago, Il. She m. her half-cousin, Harry Halbert, son of Eugene and Flora Halbert, in Chicago, Il., in Dec. 1929. Harry was b. Dec. 21, 1898, in Centralia, Il. They lived in Chicago, Il. Harry owned and operated his own cab for many years. During the war he worked in a defense plant. Later, he worked as a city motorman and bus driver. Harry was a quiet person, somewhat hard to know, but he had a fine sense of humor and, on close acquaintence, his fine personality came through. Mayme worked in several doctor's offices and hospitals, including Illinois Research and Roseland, where she worked many years. She was a very positive and vivacious person, an excellent housekeeper, and had an active social life. Mayme and Harry had no children of their own, but she lavished much on all her nieces and nephews and was always ready to aid family members or friends when they needed help. There is hardly a member of her family or circle of friends who is not indebted to her in some way.

After Harry's death in 1951, Mayme continued working at Roseland Hospital for a time. Her nephew, Bobby, lived with her for a while. Then she sold her home in Chicago and moved to Belleville, Il., because her mother's health was failing. She worked at Belleville Memorial Hospital and shared the care of her mother with her sister, Hazel, until her mother needed constant care. She then quit work until her mother's death and then returned to work. She and her sister remained at 218 North High Street for some time and later sold the old home there and bought a house at 108 N. 40th. St., Belleville, Il.

In the early 1970's, hardening of the arteries and other physical problems caused Mayme's memory and health to fail. Hazel retired to care for her, but after a time the task was too much for her, and there was no one else to help. So, at present, Mayme is in a nursing home in Belleville, Il.

Henry Leslie Dintelman, (called Leslie), and a son of Henry and Marietta Halbert Dintelman, was b. Sept. 11, 1900, on the farm in Wash. Co., near Nashville, Il. He d. in Houston, Texas, Dec. 22, 1972, the same day Homer's wife, Ruby, died. He is buried in Memorial Oaks Cemetery in Houston, Texas. On July 25, 1925, he m. Viola Huth in Belleville, Il. Viola is the daughter of Fred and Mary, nee Winter, Huth, who lived on their own farm west of Marissa, Il. Viola was b. July 23, 1903, and she had several brothers and sisters. Leslie farmed for several years and then held several jobs in industry. He moved to Belleville, Il., where he was employed for some years at Peerless Enameling and Stamping Co. Viola also worked from time to time as a cook in Belleville, Il. Leslie and Viola had three children, namely: Fred Henry, Clifford Homer, and Viola Mary. On Oct. 31, 1947, Leslie and Viola were divorced, and Leslie moved to Houston, Texas. There he became reacquainted with his half-cousin, Geneva, daughter of Charles and Anna Buhrmester Halbert, and who was divorced from Louis Beago. Leslie and Geneva were m. about 1951.

Both Homer and Leslie loved to hunt and fish and were never happier than when they could engage in either activity. They were both excellent shots with either a rifle or a shot gun, and when I was a young lad and they were both home, they kept the family well supplied with fish and small game which were

abundant in those days in the rivers and streams and in the fields and woods surrounding our homestead. This was an interest they retained into adulthood and never outgrew. I have always said that they were born about 50 to 100 years too late. They would have made great explorers, mountain men, or Indian scouts. Leslie, I am sure, would have outdone Daniel Boone had he lived in those days, and Homer, as an explorer, would have been there first. Both had excellent minds and were "quick learners" of anything that interested them. Unfortunately, nothing scholastic ever did. Leslie, like Homer, could not be persuaded to finish high school. As young boys, they fought frequently with each other. I can remember one occasion,when they were nearly grown, when my mother had to go out to the field and get my father to come stop them. As adults, they were good friends and went hunting and fishing together. They were both very good to me, their much younger brother, and I loved them dearly.

Fred Henry, called Monk, the oldest of Leslie's and Viola's children, was b. Jan. 2, 1927, near Marissa, Il. He went through high school in Belleville, Il., and served in W.W. II. He m. Beverly Spaniol in Belleville, Il., Nov. 25, 1950. Beverly, the daughter of Frank and Oceola Spaniol, was b. Dec. 9, 1928. Fred became a machinist, and after working for a railroad, now works for a steel company in Granite City, Il. Beverly works also, now that the children are older. They live in Fairview Heights, Il., near Belleville. They have five children, namely: Fred, Debborah (called Debbie), Edward,Donald, and David.

Fred was b. Nov. 1, 1952. He m. Donna Wilson, Aug. 26, 1975. Donna is the daughter of Robert and Mildred, nee Simon, Wilson, and she was b. Jan. 5, 1952. Fred and Donna both have degrees from Western Illinois University at Macomb, Il. Fred has a Master's degree from Western and lettered in baseball. Both have taught. Fred coached high school sports at Onarga, Il., and at New Athens, Il. Donna taught in elementary schools at Macomb and at Onarga, Il. At present, Fred and Donna live in Belleville, Il., and Fred has a job in the construction industry as an apprentice carpenter. They have a daughter, Katherine, b. Sept. 13, 1979.

Debbie was b. Dec. 1953. She went to California after graduating from high school and worked there for several years. At present, she is employed in Michigan.

Edward was b. Dec. 11, 1954. He works for a construction company and lives in Belleville, Il.

Donald, b. Nov. 2, 1962, and David, b. July 19, 1965, are both living at home.

Clifford, the second son of Leslie and Viola, was b. Nov. 4, 1928, near Marissa, Il. He also was graduated from high school in Belleville, Il., and he served in the Korean conflict. On April 25, 1952, he m. Gloria Heneke, daughter of Otto and Claire Idel Heneke. Gloria is a registered nurse, and Clifford worked as a plasterer and in construction. They lived in the Belleville area and near Columbia, Il., before moving to Mo. where Gloria's mother lives, and Clifford helped with the farm. They now live in St. Louis, Mo., and he has a maintenance position with the Chase Hotel in St. Louis, Mo. Clifford and Gloria had four children. Mark was b. Feb. 28, 1953, and lives at

Hecker, Il. Nancy was b. July 21, 1955. She was graduated from Waterloo, Il., High School and from St. Louis University with a major in journalism. She died in an automobile crash Dec. 22, 1979. She was employed at the time at the Belleville, Il., radio station as a news reporter. She was an intelligent girl with great promise in her chosen field. She is buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Belleville, Il. Michael was b. Sept. 27, 1958, and, at present, lives at Owensville, Mo. Anne, b. July 16, 1966, is living at home.

Viola Mary, the only daughter of Leslie and Viola, was b. Jan. 27, 1931, in East Alton, Il. Shortly after graduation from high school, she m. Warren Isselhardt in Belleville, Il., Nov. 10, 1949. Warren is the son of William Louis and Amanda Barbara, nee Wasem, Isselhardt. He was b. June 5, 1921, and at present, is employed at the McDonald-Douglas Aircraft Co. in St. Louis, Mo. Viola or "Sis", as she is called by her family, has worked as a nurse's aide at Belleville Memorial Hospital for many years. Warren and Sis live at 335 N. 41st. St., in Belleville, Il. They are the parents of five children. Betty Ann Hazel was b. Aug. 6, 1950. She m. Terry Keller June 27, 1970, in Belleville, Il. Terry is the son of Earl and Faye, nee Worley, Keller and was b. Oct. 3, 1945. They live in Belleville, Il., and have a daughter, Abigail, b. Sept. 4, 1976. Terry is a graduate in engineering from Rolla School of Mines, Rolla, Mo. Betty is now attending St. Louis University in St. Louis, Mo., and is studying physical therapy.

Warren Lester Clifford, called "Butch", was b. Nov. 22, 1951. He m. Irene Haas, daughter of John and Marie, nee Brewer, Haas, May 23, 1970. They live in Indianapolis, Ind., and Butch is employed in the aircraft industry there. They have three children as follows: Susan Michele, b. Jan. 2, 1970; Dustin Michael (called Dusty), b. May 1, 1972; and Amanda, b. Dec. 21, 1978.

Julie Etta was b. June 4, 1953. She m. Curt Agne of Belleville, Il., Aug. 1, 1975, in Belleville, Il. They were soon divorced, and she took back her maiden name. They had no children. She has her own apartment and does office work.

Margaret Susan, called Margie, was b. Sept. 4, 1955. Just after graduation from high school, she m. Roy William Ballard, son of Roy Thomas and Billie Eilene Ballard, June 9, 1973. They lived in Charleston, Il., for several years where Roy attended Eastern Il. University and earned a Master's degree in business administration. Their daughter, Amber, was b. Mar. 19, 1976, in Charleston, Il. Roy had a position in the Chicago, Il. area and then was employed by Anheueser-Busch Brewing Co. in St. Louis, Mo. They built a home in Barnhardt, Mo. Shortly after that, they separated and were later divorced in 1978. Margie has an apartment in Belleville, Il., and does office work in St. Louis, Mo.

Mary Kay was b. Nov. 12, 1963, in Belleville, Il. She is in high school and lives at home.

Hazel Dintelman is the next member of Henry and Marietta Halbert Dintelman's family, and she was b. Dec. 21, 1901, in St. Clair Co., Il. She was graduated from Marissa Twnsp. High School, passed a teacher's examination, and taught in several one-room country schools, namely: Hickory Grove, northwest of Marissa, Il.; Pleasant Hill, northwest of New Athens, Il.; and West

Dozaw, near where we lived west of Marissa, Il. After my mother moved to Belleville, Il, she worked as a bookkeeper. She was always very good to me and gave me a small allowance out of her meager salary. On June 15, 1930, she m. Edward J. Somers, a son of William and Mae, nee Edwards, Somers, at Belleville, Il. Ed was b. Feb. 2, 1907. He was a skilled machinist and had his own business for a time. Their daughter, Carlene, was b. Aug. 13, 1935, at Belleville, Il. Hazel and Ed were divorced in 1942, and after a time Hazel and Carlene went to 218 North High Street to live with Hazel's mother. Hazel went back to work as a bookkeeper with a construction firm in St. Louis for several years, and then she worked for Bauer's, another construction firm, in Belleville, Il. She later worked at the State of Illinois Employment Office until her retirement in 1974.

Carlene went through high school in Belleville, Il. She studied one year at Blackburn College, one year at the University of Illinois, and then went to Houston, Texas, where she finished schooling in medical technology at Herman Medical Center there. She m. Sidney Johnson, son of Olin and Lilian Johnson, Sept. 24, 1956, in Houston, Texas. Sidney was b. Oct. 24, 1927, and had a son from a previous marriage. He was a teacher in the Houston, Texas, schools. Their daughter, Grace Lynn, was b. July 12, 1959, in Houston, Texas. In April of 1962, Carlene and Sidney were divorced, and Carlene returned to work as a medical technician. After two unsuccessful marriages, she and Lynn went to Georgia where they lived first at Columbus and now near Atlanta. Lynn is now in her last year at the University of Georgia at Athens, Ga. Carlene is presently employed by a company which makes and sells medical equipment. She travels a lot in her work.

Hazel now lives alone at 108 N. 40th St. since Mayme entered the nursing home in Nov. of 1978. She is in reasonably good health and drives her own car. She has always enjoyed good literature and writes a lot of poetry.

Robert Dintelman, the next child of Henry and Marietta Halbert Dintelman, was b. Oct. 9, 1903, on the farm near New Athens, Il. He d. at the home of his son, Robert, in Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 6, 1968, after suffering a massive stroke. He is buried in the Friedens Cemetery in St. Louis, Mo. Bob was graduated from high school at Marissa, Il., and attended Southern Il. State Normal School, as it was called in those days, at Carbondale, Il. He later obtained a Master's degree from the University of Illinois, at Urbana, Il. He taught in several one-room country schools, and in the towns of Hoyleton, Il., and Carmi, Il. On Feb. 5, 1926, he m. Ella Huth, the daughter of Fred and Mary Winter Huth and a sister of Viola Huth, who had m. my brother, Leslie. She was b. Nov. 7, 1907, on the Huth farm near Marissa in St. Clair Co., Il. Robert and Ella had one son, Robert Dean, b. Nov. 25, 1926, in Marissa, Il. Ella was a person with a keen sense of humor. She became ill with leukemia, and her long illness strengthened her character. She d. at Chicago, Il., Oct. 3, 1937, and is buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Belelville, Il. on the Dintelman lot. Her sister, Viola, will be buried beside her. Bob m. again after Ella's death, but he and Elaine were divorced. At the time, he was teaching in a suburb of St. Louis, Mo. In 1947, he m. Mable, nee Voss, Brauss, in St. Louis, Mo. She was b. Oct. 22, 1905. They later moved to the state of Wash., where Bob was Superintendent of Schools at Okanogan and East Wenatchee for several years. Mabel d. Jan. 11, 1968, and is buried in the Friedens Cemetery in St. Louis, Mo. Bob had just retired from the superintendency at East Wenatchee, Wash., at the time of his death.

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Charles Joseph Dintelman, the writer of this history and the youngest child of Henry and Marietta Halbert Dintelman, was b. on the farm east of New Athens, Il., April 25, 1911. I am living in Charleston, Il., where I was Superintendent of the Community Unit #1 Schools for 11 years from 1954 to 1965. I went through eight years of one-room country schools, was graduated from Marissa Twnsp. High School, have a Bachelor's degree from Southern Il. University conferred in 1937, and a Master's degree from the University of Il., conferred in 1941.

From 1941 to 1948, I was the high school principal at Fulton, Il. Before that, I taught four years at Highland, Il. It was while I was at Highland that I met my future wife, Irene, who was a teacher in the high school there. On Dec. 27, 1938, I m. Irene Foster at Rushville, Il. Irene is the daughter of Guy and Grace, nee Finch, Foster, and was b. Aug. 4, 1903, in Rushville, Il. She traces her ancestry through her father back to Thomas Hardy who came to Massachusetts with Governor Winthrop in 1630. Irene is a graduate of Washington University of St. Louis, Mo., and taught thirteen years before her marriage.

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It was while we were living on the farm west of Marissa, Il. that I first developed an interest in the violin. My parents returned from Belleville one day with a cheap violin outfit for me. At first, I broke strings, flattened the bridge, and otherwise abused the instrument but produced no tune. Then an old neighbor who was a fair country fiddler took pity on me. He showed me how to tune the instrument without breaking strings or pulling down the bridge, how to get rosin on the bow, and some of the finer points of violin music making. His name was Dave Guthrie. Through dint of great effort I finally managed to scrape out a few recognizable tunes. No one could have been prouder than my father. He wasn't any kind of musician, but he must have been among the world's greatest listeners. It was about this time that my parents took me to town to hear a violinist at a church program at the Methodist Church of which we were members. I had never heard a real violinist, as this was before T.V. or even radio, and I had no idea that such music could be produced by the violin. Oh,

what joy! What heavenly bliss! What exquisitely pure intonation! They told me afterward that I was standing in the pew so as not to miss anything and that my eyes were bugged out like a frog's. After the program, they eventually found me in an ante-room talking to the violinist, plying him with a thousand questions. He had been a player with the St. Louis Symphony but because of failing eyesight had retired and moved to our small town. He had a fine Italian violin, a good Cremona instrument, made, I think, by one of the lesser Gaglianos. I had to have lessons from him, and I soon was riding horseback to town once a week to take lessons. His name was William Cramer, and he took me through the Leopold Auer books. I played in the high school orchestra, and after we moved to Belleville, Il., I took lessons again for a time and played with the Belleville Philharmonic Orchestra. I played in the college orchestra for four years while I was at Southern, and after we moved to Charleston, Il., I played for several years in the Eastern Il. Symphony Orchestra associated with Eastern Il. University located here.

Since having a stroke in 1976, I can no longer execute some of the more intricate bowing movements, and so I have given up the instrument. I have given away my best violin and bow and have sold another violin I owned. The violin has been a fascinating study and a lifelong hobby.

ANNA DINTELMAN, a daughter of Henry and Margarith Heusel Dintelmann, was b. on the farm near Elkton, Il., June 6, 1869. She d. Feb. 18, 1953, at her home in Belleville, Il., and is buried in the Walnut Hill Cemetery in Belleville. She m. Henry L. Meyer in Nashville, Il., April 6, 1892. Henry Meyer was b. April 9, 1851. His mother's name was Elizabeth Beck, nee Koch, Meyer, and she was b. in Germany about 1829, according to Marguerite. Henry L. Meyer d. May 3, 1913, and is buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Belleville. Henry Meyer was a cigar maker, and shortly after his marriage to Anna, they moved to Belleville, Il., where he set up a business in the 200 block of North High Street. The business prospered, and, before he died, he took his sons into the business with him. They later established themselves in the automobile business. Henry and Anna had 3 sons and 1 daughter, as follows: John, b. Jan. 6, 1893; Charles, b. Nov. 16, 1894; Harry Leslie, b. Oct. 17, 1899; and Marguerite Elizabeth, b. Aug. 20, 1902, all in Belleville, Il.

John Meyer m. Elsie Distler on June 20, 1923. Elsie was b. Oct. 16, 1900, at O'Fallon, Il., a daughter of James and Caroline, nee Mertens, Distler, of Summersfield, Il. They had one son, John Weston Meyer, b. July 28, 1924, in Belleville, Il. John Meyer was a veteran of W.W. I, and d. in 1944, at Belleville, Il. He had an automobile dealership on West Main Street in Belleville at the time of his death. His son, John Weston Meyer, lives in St. Louis, Mo., and his widow, Elsie, is still living in Belleville. John Weston Meyer was m. twice. His first wife was Patricia Church, who was the daughter of Richard and Dorothy Church of Great Neck, N.Y., and was b. Oct. 12, 1921. She d. in April, 1967, and is buried at Palm Beach, Fla. John and Patricia had one daughter, Patricia Elizabeth, b. Dec. 6, 1956, in New York. John next m. Marjorie J. Kerlin, who was b. Aug. 21, 1924, in Syracuse, N.Y., a daughter of Helen, nee Comes, and Elmer Edward Kerlin. John and Marjorie have a son, John W. Meyer (called Jay), b. Feb. 21, 1963, in St. Louis, Mo. John is a veteran of W.W. II, in which he was wounded twice, and he is a graduate in 1948 of the University of Il., Urbana.

Charles Meyer m. Caroline Tomlinson on Aug. 4, 1924. Caroline was the daughter of Charles P. and Emma, nee Hirth, Tomlinson and was b. June 20, 1904, in Belleville, Il. She d. Aug. 1, 1935, at Belleville, Il. Charles d. Feb. 6, 1948, at West Palm Beach, Fla. For many years he ran an automobile dealership in Belleville, Il. As did his brothers, his sister and mother, and many of the Dintelman descendents I have known, Charles Meyer had a very forceful personality. He must have been an excellent salesman. At any rate, the business prospered. Charles was a veteran of W.W. I. He and Caroline had two sons, as follows: Charles Tomlinson, b. April 23, 1927, at Belleville, Il.; and Harry King, b. Aug. 16, 1929, at Belleville, Il. Charles T. Meyer m. Nancy Joan Harris April 2, 1949, in Belleville, Il. Nancy is the daughter of Walter Gresham and Bessie Della, nee Case, Harris, and was b. Dec. 20, 1928, in East St. Louis, Il. Charles and Nancy have four children all b. at Belleville, Il., as follows: Thomas King, b. Sept. 14, 1955; Carol Joan, b. Jan. 13, 1958, Kay Jean, b. Feb. 25, 1959; and Charles Harris, b. Oct. 23, 1963. Thomas K. has a degree granted in 1977 by the University of Il. Harry King Meyer m. Emma Aluli on Feb. 10, 1954, in Hawaii. She was b. in Honolulu, Hawaii, Aug. 13, 1929. They have six daughters and one son, all b. in Honolulu, as follows: Malia Gale, b. Nov. 27, 1954; Mele Anna, b. Feb. 6, 1956; Maile Tomlinson, b. May 10, 1957; Manulani Joan and Moana Caroline, b. Sept. 13, 1959; Maluhia Marguerita, b. Dec. 12, 1964; and the son Maui Christopher, b. July 18, 1966. Malia has a degree from Pacific Lutheran University, and Mele and Maule have B.A.'s from Stanford. Malia m. a man by the name of Hogland, Mele a man named Pricher, and Maluhia Marguerite was m. April 30, 1979. I don't have the name of her husband.

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